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Tension mounts in build-up to poll

Second US carrier sails for Taiwan

By James Pringle in peking and Our Foreign Staff

PRESIDENT CLINTON has ordered a second aircraft carrier to join an American naval task force to protect Taiwan while China conducts missile tests and military manoeuvres.

The USS Nimitz is to leave the Gulf with six or seven other ships this week to link up with the USS Independence and four more ships off Taiwan before the island holds presidential elections on Saturday week. They will establish one of the largest American forces in the region since the Vietnam war, with up to 140 aircraft and 200 Tomahawk cruise missiles.

Announcing the move, William Perry, the American Defence Secretary, said that Washington viewed the tension in the area with very great concern. He accused China of trying to intimidate Taiwan, and said that the task force had been despatched as a precautionary measure, al-though he did not expect a

Chinese attack. The move was welcomed by Taiwan, but condemned by China, whose Foreign Minister accused the Americans of escalating tensions. "It is ridiculous for some people to call for interference in the issue and even more ridiculous for them to call for the protection of Taiwan." Qian Qichen told

Radio 1 chief

brings back

the Beatles

ONE week after excluding The Beatles' latest single Real

Love from its playlist, Radio l

The station's Golden Hour

this morning will feature classic Beatles recordings

and tracks by artists inspired

by the band. Real Love will

Matthew Bannister, the sta-

tion's controller, said he hoped this would show that

he had nothing against the

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end the programme.

has relented.

a news conference yesterday. These people have forgotten that Taiwan is a part of China and not a protectorate of the United States."

China, which regards Taiwan as a renegade province, has been holding extensive missile tests and military exercises in the Taiwan Straits in an attempt to reduce electoral support for President Lee Teng-hui, who is expected to win the island's first direct presidential election. China fears that a democratically elected leader might be tempted to declare independence.

Since the manoeuvres began last Friday, at least four Scud-like M9 missiles have been fired into the sea near the two main ports, and China has said that it will start naval and air exercises with live ammunition off the island's southwestern coast, 35 miles from the Taiwan-held Pescadores Islands, today.

Military analysts say that the new exercise is similar to one China held for 11 days in August, when aircraft and ships test-fired short-range air-to-air and ship-to-air missiles and live artillery shells. Observers believe the chances of a full-scale attack are small and President Lee sought to calm his people, saying: "We do not want to have confronta-

JOHN MAJOR was last night

facing the prospect of his

Commons majority falling to

one within a month as the Government was hit by the leaking of an internal docu-

ment warning that Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Par-

ty could cost him the next election.

Tory party sources disclosed

that the Staffordshire South-east by election, in which they

are highly vulnerable to a swing to Labour, would be held on April II. But the fragility of the Government's

parliamentary position is set

to be exposed before then with

Labour likely to force a vote on

its approach to the imminent conference on the future of

Europe, which will be outlined

attempt to placate the Euro-

sceptics by underlining the

Government's readiness to re-

negotiate parts of the Treaty of

Rome which it believes to be

in a White Paper today. The 27-page document, A Partnership of Nations, will

tion or war with communist China. They are testing if the 21 million in Taiwan will be frightened."

Nevertheless, he added that the Government had made "complete preparations". The Economics Ministry had prepared plans to ensure supplies to key industries and the armed forces in the event of a conflict. Bomb shelters for up to four million people were being reopened, and soldiers were digging trenches and manning anti-aircraft guns on the outlying island of

In Taipei, the financial markets continued to suffer as investors took fright. The markets have fallen repeatedly since last summer and yesterday the main stock index fell by 2 per cent. Banks reported heavy demand for dollars and the biggest institutions have had to bring in emergency supplies of American cash. One trader said his bank had received a shipment of \$10 million yesterday and that it

had gone in hours. Taiwan's foreign currency reserves, the world's biggest after Japan, have fallen from \$100.4 billion last June to \$87

working badly, notably the

common fisheries policy. It

will also put forward ideas for modest reform of the Euro-

pean Court of Justice, as well

as as setting out Britain's

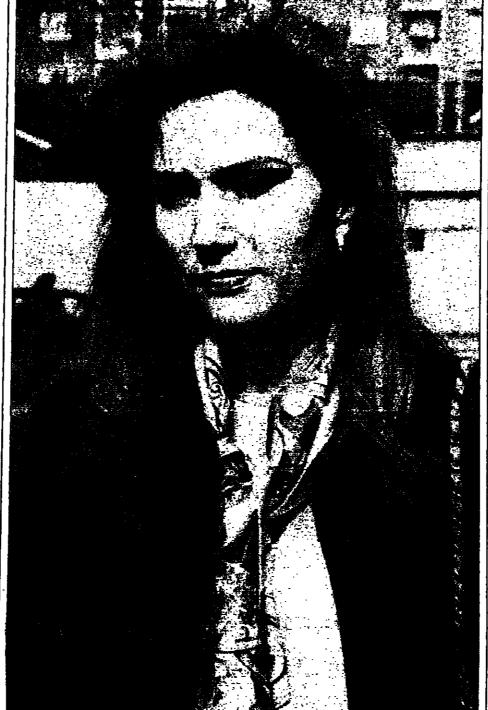
national veto.

Tories rattled by

Goldsmith factor

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

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Laura Harold: "It was like a Wild West film. I thought he was going to kill me."

Belgravia lawyer 'threw client's wife into street'

By Michael Horsnell

she went back to get her fur coat, Mr Chubb told her the

police had been called and

pinned her "body to body" to

the floor, having tackled her

Mr Chubb, 53, has pleaded not guilty to assault occasion-

ing actual bodily harm, and

false imprisonment, in a pri-

round the waist.

She added that later, when

THE WIFE of a wealthy property developer was rugby-tackled and pinned to the floor at her husband's solicitors by the senior partner, a court was told yesterday.

opposition to further powers The attack came after a for the European Parliament and the Commission, and to dispute over the deeds of the flm London house Laura Harold, 32, shared with her any extra dilution of the Ministers, fearing a rebel-lion by Tory Euro-sceptics, are husband and two young children in Belgravia. She had trying to avoid embarrassearlier been thrown out of the ment by staging a White Paper building backwards down a flight of stone steps.

debate on Thursday week on a She was left traumatised and bruised all over her body. technical motion that would not need to be put to a vote. Mrs Harold - 5ft 2in and But Labour is expected to exploit the Government's disweighing 734 stone - claimed the man who made the "viocomfort by turning up in force and trying to score a heavy ient and unprovoked" attack victory only a week before Mr was Allen Chubb. He is 6ft 3in Major goes to Turin for the and weighs 1412 stone. She told a jury at Inner

opening of the Inter-Govern-London Crown Court: "It was mental Conference. like one of those Wild West A senior Labour source said films. I thought he was going last night: "The Government to kill me. I thought he was Continued on page 2, col 4 going to break my back when he threw me into the street."

Peter Riddell, page 8

Chubb: Said he could use reasonable force

vate prosecution brought by Mrs Harold.

He says he was exercising reasonable force to eject Mrs Harold last year, having told her to leave the offices of Child & Child in Motcomb Street, Belgravia, last year.

The court was told that on April 28, Mrs Harold, a "gentie-natured housewife of excellent character", was sent to the solicitors by her husband, the property-developer and industrialist Michael Harold who owns Harold Supplies PLC and Help Spirit Ltd. She was to pick up the documents including deeds on their unmortgaged house in Chester Square, Belgravia, and pay a £200 bill.

The former beauty thera-pist, who married in 1990, said she had not known of a dispute between her husband and the firm.

Jonathan Goldberg, QC, for the prosecution, said Mr Continued on page 2, col 8 | an aircraft ...

Relate head resigns over criticism of **Princess**

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

THE president of Relate, the marriage guidance council, resigned yesterday in protest at remarks by her two senior executives over the breakup of the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Joanna Foster, former head of the Equal Opportunities Commission, has left the counselling organisation after public comments on the private life of the Princess, the organisation's patron for seven

A copy of Mrs Foster's resignation letter, which criticises Ed Straw, Relate's chairman, and Sarah Bowler, the new chief executive, has been sent to the Princess's staff and the 130 Relate centres around the country.

Mrs Foster's resignation was prompted by a front-page article in The Sunday Times two weeks ago reporting that senior representatives of Relate had echoed the disappointment at Buckingham and St James's Palaces that the Princess had decided to leak details of her divorce negotiations.

"It was reported that Relate would not be inviting the patron to its functions over the coming months 'amid concern that the handling of her divorce is tarnishing the charity's image', and quotations were attributed to both Sarah Bowler and Ed Straw which clearly implied criticism of the patron's handling of her divorce," Mrs Foster wrote. These actions fly in the face of

Relate's long-standing policy of not commenting publicly about the patron ... They constitute poor judgment, a betrayal of trust and ill-considered management of the

Mrs Foster told The Times yesterday: "Relate shouldn't be involved in commenting publicly on the patron's relationships or anybody else's. That is absolutely sacrosanct in counselling."
Mrs Foster, 56, a mother of

two. was brought in as president of Relate, a voluntary unpaid role, three years ago by David French, the organisation's highly-respected di-rector, who left last year to work as a consultant.

Relate's budget of about £11 million comes from fees, the Government, local authorities, health authorities and private sponsorship. It helps about 60,000 couples a year.



'fly in the face of policy'

Markets ease after plunge London suffered a day of

volatile share trading in the wake of Friday's plunge on Wall Street. But after falling by \$1.2 points at one point the FT-SE 100 index closed just 35.8 points down at 3674.5.

The crash that had been forecast was averted because of drastic measures by traders in London

Rogue satellite to crash land today

The rogue Chinese satellite, travelling at 17,500 miles an hour, is forecast to come to earth sometime before noon today. The satellite is predicted by the RAF to crash land in the south Atlantic or possibly the Indian Ocean. But a crash landing in Britain has not heen ruled out.

Smoker fined

A smoker who lit up three times during a transatlantic flight in defiance of airline rules and the orders of the captain and crew has been

Tesco adds fuel to pump war

By Sarah Bagnall

TESCO added fuel to Britain's pump price war yesterday by promising to make its petrol the cheapest within three miles of any of its forecourts.

It further increased pres-

sure on its rivals by extending its Clubcard loyalty scheme to petrol. This will enable motorists to receive vouchers for supermarket goods for points gathered on the forecourts.

The price pledge was seen as a threat to thousands of small independent petrol retailers. Supermarkets already have more than 20 per cent of the annual £15 billion retail petrol market through their approximately 700 filling stations. This compares with 5 a mere per cent in 1989.

In January, Esso and Shell, with more than 2,000 outlets each, reduced prices in an attempt to regain the market share they had lost to the supermarkets adding to the fined £400 for endangering squeeze on the 14,000 indepen-an aircraft Page 3 dent outlets.

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Oxford college backs

funding by German

Balliol College, Oxford, gave its full support to the funding of a university chair by the grandson of a convicted Nazi war criminal, and decided to take no further action despite cries

of outrage from Jewish groups and some academics who felt their college was being tainted by blood money. Dr Gert-Rudolph Flick, who donated £350,000 to found the Oxford University chair of the History of European Thought, is the

grandson of Friedrich Flick, a leading industrialist of the Nazi era in Germany and an adviser to Himmler, who was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment at the Nuremberg trials for employing 48,000 Jewish slave labourers, most of

Last November the university's ethics committee declared it could find no grounds for associating Dr Flick with events

in the 1930s. However, the university has changed the post's name from the Flick chair to the Gert-Rudolph Flick chair.

Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, ordered an independent inquiry into the Stafford train crash yesterday

as investigations at the scene were focused on a broken axle

found in the wreckage. The Railway Inspectorate's

investigation, the first of its kind since the fatal InterCity

train fire at Maidenhead last September, will run parallel to

an internal inquiry by Railtrack and the train operators involved in the accident. The results of the inspectorate's

inquiry are to be made public. One person died and 22 were

injured when a Royal Mail train hit a derailed freight train

Train inquiry ordered

Enter stage left: Glenda Jackson followed by two fat soldiers

watching Glenda Jackson making love to two fat soldiers in a wooden box during the small hours of Monday morning, is that it becomes hard to watch her with the requisite degree of seriousness, that same afternoon, asking about the suitability of the railway track on the Northern Line. I kept

thinking about the soldiers. Ken Russell's Salome's Last Dance was screened on Channel 4 on Sunday, around midnight "As Oscar Wilde lounges in a brothel," explained the listings, "the pro- ever, was unmistakably that prietor stages a private production of his Tragedy of Salome." One settled down for a couple of hours' educational viewing.
It was a dreadful film. But.

just as I fumbled for the off button on the monitor, a voice from the TV set. It was Glenda Jackson. Everyone seemed to be calling her Herodias. Ms Jackson was dressed in remarkable costume: a cruel black gown with an exotic headdress. Her face was plastered white. The voice, howof the Member for Hampstead. The Labour MP was urging her daughter to de-mand the severed head of John the Baptist, on a platter.

This was in no way surprising. "New" Labour are an squeamish bunch. A Shadow Cabinet accustomed to lashing out at beggars and squeegee-merchants is surely capable of demanding the severed heads of religious

I assumed that by this request Ms Jackson was angling for a job, the only



question being whether her idea was sufficiently rightwing to engage Tony Blair's attention. Her costume could be attributed to those imageconsultancies whom Labour MPs now regularly consult, to maximise TV impact. The headdress was marginally less surprising than Austin Mitchell's ties.

Then came the naked sol-

diers in the casket. At first there was only one. We did not actually see his lovemak-ing with the Hampstead MP, but the banging and bouncing knocked a particularly fat soldier, sitting on the box largely undressed and drinking wine, off it. The box lid then opened, and Ms Jack-son's arm emerged, beckon-ing bim to get into the box

He did the lid closed and more banging ensued. Some later, Ms Jackson crawled out.

This sort of thing may pose problems for new Labour, so close to an election. Mr Blair encourages a "squeaky-clean" image for his party, and leads by example. In a new book, his sidekick, Peter Mandelson (Hartiepool) says that for the Blairs "swimming, after Church on Sundays, is a gular event".

For Ms Jackson, Sunday seemed to feature events of a

different kind. Our anxiety deepened when, just before the end of the film, the police arrived and Jackson was arrested, along with Oscar Wilde and the pimp. I retired to bed puzzled and concerned.

Seven hours' sleep and a train ride from Derby brought your sketchwriter to Westminster, for Transport Questions. And who should be haranguing junior minister Steve Norris than Herod's wife! The make-up had come off, the headdress had gone, and the costume was now drab. "How," asked Herodias, "can

whom died in captivity.

the suitability of the track for the new trains, when large portions of the Northern Line have had to be closed for

necessary repairs?" No box, no platter, no severed head, no naked soldiers. No fun. Last week Dennis Turner (Lab. Wolverhampton SE) told MPs he

used to be a bingo caller. Now we discover that Glenda Jackson used to be Herod's wife. One cannot help wondering whether either has made the right career move

Prince fears for youths who have no hope of jobs

THE Prince of Wales spoke yesterday of his concern for the 100,000 young people who had virtually disappeared from mainstream society, without work, school qualifi-

cations or hope. Addressing a conference in Manchester to launch a more aggressive image for his charities, the Prince said that unemployment, drug abuse, homelessness and academic under-achievement meant that hundreds of thousands of youngsters could not play their full part as citizens. He expressed his fears about the social impact of 345,000 people aged between 16 and 25 resigned

unemployment. The Prince told 500 staff and volunteers of the Prince's Trust, now reorganised as a single entity and with a turnover of £30 million a year: "We will never realise our full economic potential in this country until standards of education and training match those of our competitors." He added: "We will never regenerate our inner cities until young people care about their communities and have a greater sense of citizenship."

Labour seized on his words last night, claiming that he had echoed everything the party had been saying. "Prince Charles rightly identified both the need to raise standards in our schools and the importance of tackling youth unemployment as essential to social cohesion and our national economic wellbeing," David Blunkett, the Shadow Education and Employment Secretarv. said.

Figures showing that 40 per cent of children are underperforming at school have prompted the Prince's Trust to apply for a £12.5 million grant from the Millennium Commission to establish a chain of evening study centres where young people who suffer from a noisy or disrupted home life can go to complete their home-

The Prince told his audi-



The Prince of Wales in Salford yesterday. In his speech he called for improved education and training

ence: "As we approach the celebrations to mark the year 2000, people throughout the country are planning millennium initiatives covering many spheres of our national life. But just as important as all of these at this point in our history is what we do for our most vital resource of all, the young people who will actually be living in the next millennium." He said that a recent meeting in Tetbury, Gloucestershire, near his home at Highgrove, had illustrated the concern: about 300 people

turned up to discuss drug and alcohol problems among the

town's youths.
The Prince's Trust, which helps about 50,000 young people a year, will have a new logo and new headquarters, in a low-rent Nash building overlooking Regent's Park. It hopes for a much higher profile among a public that has been confused by the different arms and names of the Prince's charitable effort among the young. "Under the single banner of the Prince's Trust we will now, I believe, be

seen much more clearly as this country's leading organisation for enabling disadvantaged young people to reach their potential," he said.

He added that Jacques Chirac, the French President, who will pay a state visit to Britain in May, had asked to see how young French people might benefit from the sort of work the trust had done on Glasgow housing estates.

Last year the old Prince's Trust, the core charity, helped 7,000 young people with loans

projects. Its sister body, the Prince's Youth Business Trust, and its Scottish counterpart, set up more than 4,000 businesses for young entrepre-neurs. In the past ten years it has set up more than 25,000 businesses, the top 100 of which employ 2,000 people and have a combined annual

turnover of £5 million. Another part of the empire the Prince's Trust for Volunteers, will by the spring have placed 10,000 unemployed young people on community

Legal aid fees to rise Legal aid fees are to rise by 1.5 to 3 per cent, the Lord

Chancellor announced. Solicitors giving rota advice to suspects in police stations will receive an extra rise of 3.5 per cent. Barristers will receive a rise of 1.5 per cent for both civil and criminal legal aid work. The Law Society condemned the increases, which come at a time when the £1.6 billion. legal aid budget is expected to be underspent this year by

Part-time staff appeal

Some 60,000 part-time workers lodged a test appeal yesterday for backdated benefits from their company pension schemes. Two dozen part-timers are bringing the: appeal at the Employment Appeals Tribunal after an industrial tribunal in Birmingham ruled they could not claim the benefits. In September the European Court of Justice ruled that employers who bar part-timers from pension schemes could be guilty of sex discrimination.

Golfers swing concession?

Cut-price golf on Scotland's most famous golf course is to be maintained for the people of St Andrews. Legislation. designed to protect public access to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club was due to lapse in three years' time under the provisions of the Local Government (Scotland) Act. But yesterday the Scottish Secretary announced he was intervening to ensure the people's rights were maintained. including the £90-a-year fee for locals.

Bank ruling sets precedent for shop closures

BANKING CORRESPONDENT

A SCOTTISH court has prevented the Royal Bank of Scotland from closing a branch in Glasgow in a ruling that could have widespread consequences for any company planning to shut a retail outlet before the

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expiry of a lease.

The ruling yesterday by three judges at the Court of Session in Edinburgh sets a legal precedent in Scotland. It is likely to be followed by

English courts. The "keep open order" overrules a

August, when he ordered that RBS could not be forced to retain its branch in Glasgow's Sauchiehall Centre, owned by Retail Parks Investments, even though to close it was in breach of its lease.

The bank now has three months to consider taking the case to the House of Lords. A spokesman said: "We are disappointed at the decision of the appeal judges but have not yet had an opportunity to consider the full judgment and cannot comment further at this stage."

The 25-year lease for the premises

decision by Lord Coulsfield last to be used as a bank runs until ruling means that a bank or retailer of the shopping centre was dependent August 2002 at a rent of £129,000 a year. Under its terms, RBS had to keep open and trade until then.

> However, in the past it has proved difficult to enforce such "stay open" clauses, which are common in retail leases and the only recourse for landlords was to seek damages. Ewan Easton, head of litigation at

Maclay Murray & Spens, the solici-tor advising Retail Parks Invest-ments, said: The English courts will accept and follow this reasoning but it will always depend on the language of the lease." He said yesterday's

will have to reach an agreement with the landlord before closing down a branch or shop: "They cannot tear up the obligation to stay open and trade] overnight."

In March last year RBS decided that, although it would still pay the rent on the premises, it wanted to move to a new branch about 500 yards away in Sauchiehall Street. It planned to leave two cash machines at the Sauchiehall Centre.

But Retail Parks Investments went to court to force the bank to keep open the branch, arguing that the success on having a bank there. After the initial defeat, it returned to court to challenge the decision before Lord McCluskey, who sat with Lord Cullen and Lord Kirkwood.

The bank argued that the terms of the order sought from the court were not precise enough to notify them of what was required of it between now and 2002.

But Lord McCluskey said the bank had used and occupied the premises as bank offices for nearly 20 years without any apparent difficulty or

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No charges over Pulp friction

By CAROL MIDGLEY

JARVIS COCKER, the lead singer with the pop group Pulp, will not be prosecuted over his outburst during Michael Jackson's performance at the Brit Awards, it

emerged last night. Cocker, 32, had been ac-cused of assaulting three children who were knocked aside as he leapt on stage to protest at Jackson's "pretentiousness". After studying video footage of the incident last month, police decided there was no evidence to justify criminal proceedings.

Cocker, who vigorously protested his innocence, is now considering whether to sue over remarks made in a statement on behalf of Jackson by his record company Epic. A spokesman for Pulp's record company Island said the matter was the subject of "mature consideration".

At a press conference yester day the singer, sporting a pink shirt, purple tie and his trademark NHS-style spectacles, said: "It was not very nice to have people thinking that you're the type of person who

Europe make of a government that does

not even try to win on its European

Mr Major is under growing pressure to announce shortly that the Tories are committed to a referendum on a single

currency. But the fears of Tory MPs about the impact of Sir James's party in

the general election was further fuelled

yesterday by the disclosure of a document prepared for the party's Euro MPs.

It stated that the Referendum Party.



goes around punching child-ren. It is one of the worst things you can be accused of." Drinking white wine and smoking a cigarette, he confirmed that he was deciding whether to sue Jackson for

Three children, aged seven, il and 12 who were on stage with Jackson as he performed Earth Song, complained of being hurt during a fracas

Cocker at his press conference in London yesterday which started when Cocker

libel. "I have got no personal vendetta against Michael Jackson," he said. "I just thought it was in very bad

ran on stage.
The singer, who has built a reputation for hard living and prides himself on his bad-boy image, said at the time: "My actions were a form of protest at the way Michael Jackson sees himself as some Christlike figure with the power of healing. The music industry allows him to indulge his fantasies. I just couldn't go

along with it any more." Cocker was arrested and questioned by police in Ken-sington on the night of the Brit Awards at Earls Court, west London. He was held in a cell for three hours and bailed to appear back there yesterday. As he arrived at Kensington

police station to find out whether he was to be charged, screaming Michael Jackson fans hurled eggs, flour and milk at him and shouted obscenities. One 16-year-old girl was arrested for using threatening behaviour.

Cocker, from Sheffield, joked that the ingredients could have been used to make a Yorkshire pudding. Asked if he had a message for Michael Jackson, he said: "I don't know Michael Jackson. I wish him well and I hope he sorts his problems out. It would be

good for him to get a bit of reality in his life.
"I think anybody who sets themselves up as a Christlike figure is a bit dodgy. I'm not a hero, it was something I did on the spur of the moment. It's strange when you do something on the spur of the moment and have to live with

it for the rest of your life."
He said the decision not to prosecute was a "victory for

Tory marginals rattled by Goldsmith Continued from page I is trying to run away from this. But we see no reason to help them. What will enough backing among former Torysupporting voters to turn the balance in up to 25 marginal seats.

Although senior Tory sources dismissed the importance of the document, its findings did not surprise Tory MPs.
The document, written by Alastair
Graham, a researcher, stated: "At the
1992 General Election 14 Conservative MPs were elected with majorities of less than 1.3 per cent. The Referendum Party could have made the difference between a Conservative government and a hung Parliament. Although private opinion polls commissioneed by the Referendum

that this is more likely to be 1-2 per cent at best. But even this level of support in 25 target marginals could make the difference between the Conservative Party winning or losing the election."

Sir James took full-page advertisements in four national newspapers yesterday, making clear that the referen-dum idea floated by Mr Major on the single issue of a single currency, and only after the Cabinet had decided Britain should join, would be an "empty gesture". He said a referendum should allow for a full debate "on the sort of Europe of which Britain wants to be part", and would need to be held prior to, or at the

Continued from page !

Harold had been a client of Child & Child for several years. When Mrs Harold arrived, she learnt the solicitors were claiming that a bill for £3,500 was unpaid. She was told by Mr Chubb that the firm was exercising a lien over: the deeds. He said she was as trespasser, and there followed a violent assault when she-

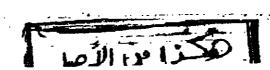
refused to leave without them. Mr Goldberg said: "This: was not an East End pub at closing time when the land-lord is having difficulty evicting a drunken customer. Is this a way for a senior partner in a respectable firm to behave towards a client's wife?. This was no way to treat a lady." Mrs Harold said Mr Chubb was "rude and brusque", then ordered her to

After she refused to go, she said he pulled her off her feet and dragged her head first on her back across the floor.

gripping her under the armpits. The next thing I remember I am on the threshold with my back to the outside street. He just threw me with all the force he could summon out of the door ... I hit the ground on my back and he came down on

Mrs Harold said the deeds were returned within days The solicitors sued over the £3,500 bill, and lost the case. The trial continues today.





which wants a plebiscite on Britain's Party suggest it may attract as much as 6 future in the European Union. could win per cent, it is realistic enough to believe

Nervous flyer who defied smoking ban is fined £400

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT AIR CORRESPONDENT

A SMOKER who lit up during a transatlantic flight in defiance of airline rules was fined £400 yesterday for endangering an aricraft.

Joanne Norris, 33, ignored the orders of the captain and crew, saying that she needed to smoke to calm her nerves. She claimed she had not known that smoking would be banned on the Virgin flight. She complained angrily

after first being told to put out her cigarette on the New York to Heathrow flight, then set off a smoke detector after lighting up at least twice in the lavatory.

Norris, a mother of two.

admitted contravening the Air Navigation Order 1989 by smoking, failing to obey the lawful commands of the captain and endangering the air-craft. She was fined £400 at Uxbridge Magistrates' Court, west London, and ordered to pay £40 costs, in what is believed to be one of the first prosecutions of its kind.

Jill McNamara, for the prosecution, told the court that the problems began while the aircraft was at New York's J. F. Kennedy airport, "She lit a cigarette while being told not to smoke. Then while in flight she left her seat and went to the lavatory to smoke and again one and a half hours

CHILDREN should use emo-

tional blackmail to persuade

their parents to give up smok-

organisers of tomorrow's No

Smoking Day. They say that the high moral standards

adopted by youngsters against

tobacco abuse could be the

answer to cutting the number

In an attempt to shame

people into a healthier life-

style, the Health Education Authority is encouraging children to tell their errant

parents to take a deep breath

over a full ashtray. Then they

of adult smokers

according to the



Norris: set off smoke detector in lavatory

into the flight she went to the toilet and passengers said she had been smoking.

Norris, who works for a taxi company, ignored the captain when he went down from the flight deck and told her to stop. Disobeying a captain's order during a flight is an automatic offence. Police at Heathrow were alerted and when the aircraft landed she became violent and was arrested, the court was told.

Miss McNamara said that there had been fears for the safety of the aircraft because Norris could have created a fire risk by hiding the ciga-rettes after stubbing them out.

Norris, of Radwinter, Essex, told the magistrates: "I am such a nervous passenger and I couldn't endure the flight without a cigarette. Had I

Shame parents into giving up

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

could have taken the family to

the cinema for the price of a

few packets of cigarettes; that

they could afford to take them

on a £1,000 holiday if they

pressed by new statistics showing that two-thirds of

children try to stop their

parents smoking and that

smokers with families are

The information sheet, How

to help your parents give up

smoking, distributed by the National Health Service, ad-

vises: "When they are ready to

give up, make sure that their

more likely to want to quit.

Health campaigners are im-

wouldn't have taken that flight. You can smoke on other airlines and on some of Virgin's other routes, to Tokyo for example.

Fining her, Peter Richardson, the chairman of the bench, said: "We do consider this as a very serious offence." Outside the court Norris

expressed anger at her treatment. "The fine was much higher than I thought it would be. If it's such a serious offence, why do they allow smoking on other flights?" she Airlines are under an inter-

national obligation to ban smoking on all flights within three years. All Virgin transat-lantic services and flights to Hong Kong are non-smoking. It is permitted on services to Tokyo and Athens "purely because of customer demand"

British Airways has banned smoking on all domestic services, all European flights of less than 90 minutes, and on routes to Australia, New Zealand and Canada. About half of its services to New York are non-smoking, as are transatlantic routes that have only one service a day.

"We have not had to prosecute anyone for smoking on board because the pressure from other passengers, or a quiet word from the crew or the captain, usually does the

last cigarette is a horrible

memory." Children are en-

couraged to make a box for

their parents to save the

money they would have spent

on cigarettes. "If they smoked

20 a day they will have saved £1,000 by the end of the year!

Decide what you could all do

with the money they save, a

A Health Education Author-

ity survey shows 67 per cent of

II to 15-year-olds have tried to

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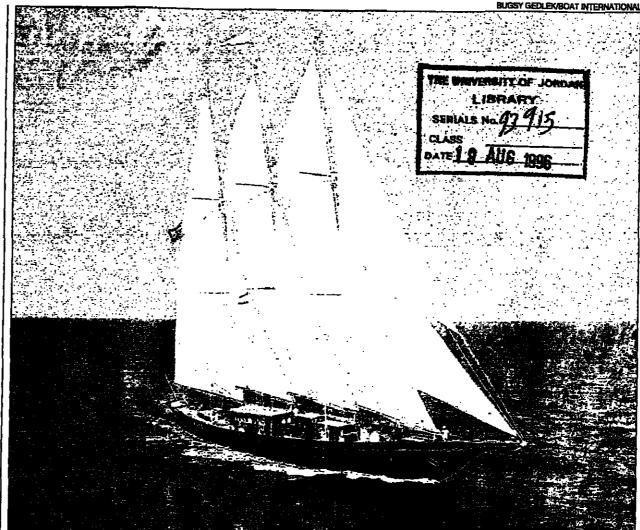
smoking in the past six

months. Even among teen-

agers who smoke, 36 per cent

try to stop their parents.

day out or even a holiday."



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The Creole in full sail. She was rotting until the Italian fashion magnate spent his fortune on her restoration

£12m price on yacht that sank Gucci

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE floating folly of a murdered fashion magnate is for sale at an asking price of nearly £12 million.`

The Creole, built in 1927, is the largest and most luxurious private sailing vessel in the world, thanks to the fortune lavished upon her by Maurizio Gucci, the heir to a fashion fortune who was killed outside his office in

Milan a year ago.
Gucci, who was 46 when he died, had spent millions of pounds on the 214ft yacht, which he found virtually a hulk, rotting away after serv-ing as a floating adventure playground for young drug addicts in Denmark.

He spent ten years restor-ing her, but despite his wealth was unable to keep pace with the bills. At one point he was sentenced to a year's imprisonment for smuggling money abroad for the refit, but did a deal with the Italian tax authorities and returned to the chairmanship of Gucci. Gucci was in trouble again



Maurizio Gucci and the yacht's main saloon, which is opulently furnished

over outstanding bills in San Diego during the 1992 America's Cup. His crew often went unpaid, and the yacht and her owner sailed from one financial scrape to another.

In September 1993, when Maurizio finally sold his share of the Gucci business for £103 million, the first person he told was Creole's skipper. The yacht was still draining his fortune at an alarming rate and half the

proceeds of the share sale were said to have been immediately swallowed by debts. But Gucci nonetheless decided to strip out and refit the Creole's interior, which had been designed by his wife Patrizia, with whom he was now involved in a ferocious

divorce battle. Gucci owed large sums of money when he died, and the most popular theory was that his murder by a hitman who

he had failed to honour a debt to an Italian-American syndicate with links to the Mafia.

The 699-ton yacht is being marketed by Nick Baker of Camper and Nicholsons, the London brokers, who said yesterday: "Creole is quite spectacular. She is the largest surviving classic sailing yacht. There is nothing like her anywhere in the world."

Stubborn **Carling** continued to meet **Princess**

By Peter Foster

WILL CARLING, who captains the England rugby team for the last time against Ireland on Saturday, said vesterday that he continued seeing the Princess of Wales out of sheer stubbornness.

Carling and his wife Julia separated last year after 15 months of marriage when he continued to meet the Princess despite assuring his wife that he would not. Carling, 30, said he had been determined not to allow the whims of the tabloid press to rule his life: "Part of me thought, "Why can't I just he her friend?

"Everyone tells you not to do something because the media will take it in a certain way. I thought, Why in hell should I be told how to live my life?"

Mrs Carling yesterday appeared to rule out any chance of a reconciliation, describing the break-up of her marriage as "sick-making" in the April issue of Tatler. "It is the worst nightmare for one's marriage to crumble so publicly. But ! think, strangely, it has done me a lot of good.

"All right, so I trust very few people now, but it has made me a heck of a lot stronger. And at least I know I don't want to go back to that situation, the marriage," she

Mrs Carling said of her former husband's friendship with the Princess of Wales: The whole thing came like a bolt from the blue. We were bumbling on very happily. I was just getting to grips with my new job in television and then the bomb hits.

"I made sure I looked fine as soon as I opened my front door, even if it was just putting out the milk bottles. Of course, as soon as I went back inside and shut the curtains. I'd have a good cry."

Carling, asked whether there had been any romance with the Princess, said: "I'm not saying anything. She's a good friend. Well, she was."

However, Carling admitted vesterday in the interview with the Radio Times that he had been naive and said of his meetings with the Princess last year: "It wasn't very

should point out that they Thief finds way to open cashpoint

By Stewart Tendler CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A NATIONWIDE security review was launched by banks yesterday after thieves managed to take £87,000 from two cash machines.

Cash dispensers are protected against attack by thick steel and glass, but the two men used a few simple tools to prise open the machines in the foyer of a Lloyds Bank in Peterborough early on Saturday.

Lloyds security staff were alerted at their London headquarters when an alarm went off at 5.45am on Saturday. Police were called within two minutes but by the time they got to the bank the thieves had gone. The empty cash cartridges were found in a rubbish bin at the Watford Gap service station on the M1.

Yesterday Lloyds officials sent details of the raid to other banks, who might consider tightening security.

Previous attempts to break into cash machines have failed. Metal cutting equipment, for example, has burnt

PAUL THEROUX, the

Party gatecrasher stabbed teenagers

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A COUPLE returned from a trip to Ireland to discover that a party thrown by their teen-age son had left their home a wreck and caused damage estimated at £30,000, the High Court in Glasgow was told

David Wyllie and his wife arrived at their £300,000 house in the Whitecraigs area of Glasgow to discover that teenagers who were drunk and had taken drugs had kicked holes in the walls, deliberately burnt carpets with cigarettes, wrecked furniture and stained the carpets and walls with drink.

Gatecrashers had arrived at the party, and two boys were stabbed. Patrick McCann, 19, of Barassie, Strathclyde, has admitted two counts of stabbing after being refused entry to the party.

John Morris, for the defence, told the court that the Wyllies had thought that their teenage son was staying with a relative and did not know he had a key to the house. Instead, their son had invited dozens of friends to the impromptu party. "Their home

was a shambles," Mr Morris told the court

The court heard that Mc-Cann and two friends were at a tennis club watching football on television when they heard about the party. Advocate depute Robert Reed, QC, said: "They went uninvited. The parents of the house were not at home and they were refused entry." He said that 15 youths from the party went outside and chased them. McCann then stabbed one teenager in the back and stabbed another

The life of the first boy was saved by his father, who went into his bedroom during the night to discover that he had been stabbed through the lung. He was taken to the Victoria Infirmary where doctors operated and said he would have died without treatment. The boy was in hospital for two weeks. One of the stab wounds to the other victim was to his neck, narrowly missing the spinal column.

The judge, Lord Osbourne, deferred sentence on McCann until next week, but said he might go to prison.

A PROPERTY developer was sued by his mistress and her husband yesterday for a £200,000 debt after she was

Mr Dunning, of Putten-ham, Surrey, claims that the over, that it had resumed.

Gabriel Fadipe, for the cover the loan.

However, his payments stopped in 1989. The house time the debt, including interest, had risen to £200,000.

Mistress sues over home debt

persuaded to a buy new home in which to carry on the affair. Doreen Marsh, in her sixties, and her husband Donald, who knew of the affair, have brought the High Court action against Basil Dunning, claiming that he reneged on paying bills for the house after suffering a stroke.

Marshes have been motivated by greed and that Mr Marsh attempted blackmail him by threatening to tell his wife, who thought the affair was

Marshes, said that Mr Dunning, who had had an affair with Mrs Marsh for 16 years, offered to buy her a £180,000 house near Winchester in 1988. He said that he would

was sold in 1990, by which

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and his "fuzzy-wuzzy hair". Theroux has written about the private dinner under the guise of "fact and fiction" in The New Yorker this week. The magazine would not confirm which parts were factual.

Theroux's story is described as "a blend of real and invented characters and episodes" and the magazine admits that its writer has, indeed, dined with the Queen. The people of Papua New Guinea will wonder under which category to place comments Theroux says the Queen made about Rabbie Namaliu, their

Fuzzy details of a royal encounter

Palace just last week. He had splendid hair. Fuzzywuzzy hair! ... There is no other way to describe it. And his wife. Just sat next to him, smiling away, in her splendid gown. And she had fuzzy-wuzzy hair, too."

That may be seized on by sections of Papua New Gumea society that have been agitating to discard the monarchy. Although an independent country, it retains Of Mr Namaliu's Scottish-

New Guinea do hold the sounding first name, the Queen in high esteem and let



Theroux: Duke told him not to be silly

Queen, according to Theroux, said: "Perhaps there was some Scottish missionary in the picture." Hugo Vickers, a biographer of royalty, said yesterday: "The people of Papua

us hope they continue to do so, despite the efforts of Theroux. Any biographer welcomes accounts of private dinner parties but they always come out too soon and cause embarrassment." In Theroux's story, the hosts of the Chelsea dinner party were Mr and Mrs 'Laird Birdwood'', a wealthy American whose English wife is described as having a family connection to the House of Windsor. The Earl and Countess of Airlie reportedly attended the party.

Theroux writes that he came off the loser in an encounter with the Duke of Edinburgh. Small talk not his forte, the Duke told Theroux not to be "silly" after the writer attempted a fruitless conversational gambit. Theroux was then shown the royal profile.





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Sexual motive suspected in murder of divorcee found near the site of an unsolved death

Karen Skipper, whose body was found on Sunday

Woman drowned after killer bound her hands

AN ATTACKER who bound a woman's hands with a dog lead before pushing her into a river to drown might have sexually assaulted her before the murder, police said

yesterday.

Detectives think the killer of Karen Skipper might have been lying in wait for her as she walked her two dogs. The way that Mrs Skipper, 34, who was divorced, had met her death late last Saturday night was terrible, a senior officer said yesterday.

Police were piecing together Mrs Skipper's last movements after her semi-naked body was recovered from the River Ely in Cardiff on Sun-day. The alarm had been raised after her two dogs, Sammy, a black labrador, and Ellen, a brown collie cross, were found "guarding" some of her clothing on the riverbank.

Terry Ewington, leading the hunt, said that Mrs Skipper was last seen alive at about the riverbank, said: "I noticed the two dogs huddled together. When they came towards 11.30pm on Saturday when me I could see they had been she left her home in Ely, to sitting on a pair of jeans. I take the dogs for a walk. She shared the house with friends began to fear the worst when there was no sign of the owner and had relatives near by. and then I could see a dark shadow under the surface of

Mr Ewington said a postmortem examination showed the water." that she had drowned. "She was certainly alive when she up house-to-house inquiries went into the river."

Mr Ewington could not rule out the possibility that Mrs Skipper had been held under the water while her attacker waited for her to drown. He disclosed that she had also suffered some superficial injuries and he had not ruled out a sexual motive.

"We are most anxious to trace everyone in the area on Saturday night or early Sunday morning because they may have seen something suspicious," he said.

seen by a bereavement officer. The riverbank is less than a Reg Bean, who while walkmile from where Geraldine ing his own dogs, found Mrs Palk, 27, was found murdered Skipper's pets whimpering on in 1990. DNA samples were

with the murder. Mr Ewing-

men in the unsolved Palk

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Mr Ewington said that at this stage there were no obvious links between the two murders, but officers would refer to details on the Palk database, should the need arise. Last night it was disclosed

Yesterday, officers stepped that the dead woman had come to the aid of a newson the nearby Ely and Fairwater housing estates. Mrs Skipper, slim with agent trying to stop a youth pilfering in his shop last month. Bob Coles said: "I shoulder-length brown hair, was taking the boy to the had been wearing a brown, police station when two of his sheepskin-lined bomber jackmates turned up and started et, black jeans and a green threatening me. A young lady and beige sweater. She wore out walking her two dogs told three rings and gold earrings. Police confirmed that her them to stop - or she would set the dogs on them. They ran off - but I never had a ex-husband had been interviewed, but not in connection chance to thank her properly

for what she did. ton said that he was being Mr Coles added: "I immediately recognised the photo of her dogs. I am horrified that this has happened to a kind person who went out of her way to help me."



Mrs Skipper's dogs were found beside her clothing

Police tell racegoers where to pin faith

By Emma Wilkins

RACEGOERS at the Cheltenham National Hunt Festival are being urged to use safety pins to secure their pockets against thieves. With crowds of up to 150,000 expected for the three-day meeting which starts today, police said that spectators should be vigilant against pickpockets.

Don't keep all your money in one pocket which is easily accessible," PC Roger Hill, Cheltenham's crime protection officer, said. "Spread your money around. Even a safety pin will keep your inside coat

Last year 40 people reported having their pockets picked, with four losing more than £1,000. Other popular items for thieves are mobile telephones, handbags and coats. Pickpockets are most likely to strike while bets are being placed or winnings collected.

The odds against becoming a victim of crime during the festival are 3,000-I, longer than for any of the horses. The highlight of today's racing will be the Smurfit Champion Hurdle, which pitches Danoli against Alderbrook, last year's vinner. Many of the 5,000 Irish visitors are expected to pin their hopes on Danoli, a horse that has made a remarkable comeback after breaking a leg last season.

The total prizemoney this year is a record £1.25 million. Off-course betting over the three days is expected to generate a turnover of £100 million, with the average bet at just under £5.

Howard moves to cut drugs in prison

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

PRISONERS involved with drugs are to have their visiting privileges restricted, the Home Secretary announced yesterday. Opening a two-day conference in Birmingham on the drug problem, Michael Howard said a pilot scheme in nine prisons this summer was aimed at cutting supplies.

Anyone using or suspected of using drugs, smuggling or dealing in them will face controls on visits. They will be refused contact with friends or family and some will be forced to conduct visits from behind high-securty glass screens. In other cases, inmates could have their visits strictly supervised by prison staff to stop any physical contact.

Mr Howard said he accepted the restrictions could prove contentious among inm but said those who wanted to keep their rights should simply refuse drugs. There is strong evidence to indicate that it is prison visiting rooms which provide the most common route for traffickers. I believe I'm putting forward a sensible proposal to make our system a better system."

The Home Sectretary added: "The object of the exercise is to make it much more difficult to get drugs into prison. Keeping drugs from getting into prisons is a tough

business. I believe these measures will help us." Prison staff and police know that drugs are smuggled into prisons during visits, passed under a table when the staff are not looking or exchanged

Racing, pages 44, 45 during a kiss or embrace.

A white apple could keep the doctor away

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

FRUIT that is colour-coded may soon provide an easy way to take your medicine, a leading British geneticist has suggested. Red bananas, white apples or yellow tomatoes could all be grown, containing extra vitamins or even vaccines, Professor Don Grierson of the University of Nottingham said.

The colour-coding would be used to indicate to people that the fruit they were eating had been genetically modified, he said. His team has identified the genes that control the smell, taste and colour of fruits, and produced white and yellow tomatoes to prove

Professor Grierson has also found the gene that in many

fruits produces the ethylene gas that causes ripening. He has created a variety of tomatoes that produces only a twentieth of the normal amount of ethylene, ripening well but staying fresher for weeks longer than normal.

Professor Grierson was involved with Zeneca, a pharmaceutical company, in the development of a non-rotting tomato that is already on sale in the supermarkets in the form of tomato purée.

The range of colours that can be controlled is already extensive. "We can't do the entire snooker table," he admits. "Whites, reds, yellows and oranges are straightforward, but blues and blacks

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RAF plane in fatal crash 'had vital controls detached'

AN RAF aircraft that crashed. killing the pilot, had taken off with its ailerons disconnected

The Hawk trainer, one of nine military jets lost this year. rolled almost onto its back shortly after take-off from RAF Valley, Anglesey, last month. Flight Lieutenant Simon Burgess, 28, an Iraqi prisoner during the Gulf War. ejected but the aircraft had rolled too far and he died when his ejector seat hit the

Labour last night demanded an inquiry into the safety of military aircraft amid concern that budget cuts are putting too much pressure on the

The magazine Flight International claims today that the initial accident report says that the Hawk's ailerons moving surfaces on the wing that control the roll - were disconnected during maintenance work and not reconnected before take-off.

The pilot, who was an advanced flying instructor. would not have been able to tell from the control column that the ailerons were useless but should have made a visual check that they were working before taking off, the maga-

Flight Lieutenant Burgess. who was married and came from Grimsby, was the RAP's



Burgess: died after ejecting over Anglesey

youngest pilot in the Gulf War. He ejected from a Tornado GRI during a night mission over Basra in January 1991. The pilot and his navigator, Squadron Leader Robert Ankerson, were captured by Iraqi civilians and held prisuntil March after being handed over to Iraqi troops.

MPs of all parties have expressed concern at the large number of military jets lost so far this year. Ten Forces aircraft crashed during the Dr David Clark, the Shad-

ow Defence Secretary, said last night: "A comprehensive overview of safety is now absolutely essential. I am concerned that maintenance stanbecause workers are being put under pressure to finish the of the concern over possible

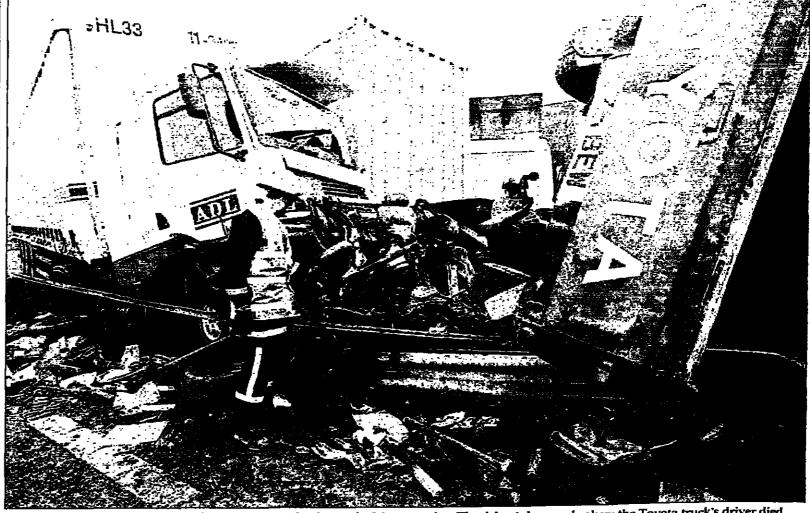
Flight International also called for an inquiry and said the Hawk accident raised fears about "widespread mal-aise" in the Service. "There is concern about the cumulative effects of the demands being placed upon RAF personnel by their political task-masters, while at the same time the demand is that they cut their cloth more sparingly." the magazine says in a leading

"The point is being reached where politicians will have to re-examine the demands they place upon the junior Service. The aircraft losses in general and the Hawk crash in particular should be a wake-up call to all those involved."

The RAF refused to discuss the report, saying that the cause of the crash was still under investigation. "We cannot comment on documents which they are not supposed to have and when the matter is still sub judice," an RAF spokesman said.

Four crewmen have died in the nine military crashes this year. Seven of the aircraft were flown by RAF crews and the others by Royal Navy

As well as the Hawk, the planes lost were two Tornado F3s, two Tornado GRIs, one Jaguar, two Sea Harriers and one Harrier. The combined cost of replacing them is nearly £200 million.



A fireman inspecting a car sandwiched between lorries on the M11 yesterday. The driver's leg was broken: the Toyota truck's driver died

Road accidents kill three in freezing fog

BY OLIVER AUGUST

ONE person was killed and 15 injured in motorway crashes near Cambridge in freezing fog yesterday. Two others died after diversions were set up. About a hundred vehicles crashed near the junction of the M11 and A11. Police blamed motorists driving too fast and without lights.

The number of casualties might

have been higher were it not for a man who ran back along the motorway waving a fluorescent jacket as a warning to drivers to slow down.

Weather forecasts for today predict more thick fog along the east coast, and police have appealed to drivers to be more careful. Essex Police said: "If this means slowing down to walking speed in fog, then so be it."

The pile-up happened when motorists in the morning rush hour failed to see an accident in front of them. A total of 75 cars was involved in the pileup on the northbound carriageway. Another 20 drivers on the southbound side were distracted and crashed. At one time all six lanes were blocked as rescue services worked to free people trapped in their cars. One man, who had been trapped for more than an hour, was in a serious condition after suffering multiple injuries. All other injuries were said to be minor.

The emergency services said the motorist who risked his life by running back into oncoming traffic gave about 50 drivers time to brake. He certainly saved my life." Kieron Saunders, from Cambridge, said. "All I could see was fog when he appeared waving this shiny jacket. I slowed right down and suddenly there were these huge black shapes lying across

the road. I would have gone straight into them at 60mph if he hadn't risked his life to warn me. I would like to say a sincere thank you to him, whoever he is. It took a lot of courage and he saved a lot of lives."

As traffic was diverted away from the MII, two people died in further accidents. One person was killed when a car and a motorcycle collided on the A604 near Newmarket. Another died in a crash on the A505 near Royston.

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Anglers sue tennis club over lights

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

FISHERMEN in Scotland have taken a tennis club to court, claiming that its floodlights are driving away the

fish in an angling river. The ISO members of the Stonehaven and District Anglers Association in Grampian say it is impossible to catch sea trout because they are shying away from the bright lights of the Stonehaven Tennis and Bowling Association's courts, which have been

floodlit for six years. David McDonald, 47, chairman of the Scottish Anglers Association and a former secretary of the Stonehaven club, told Stonehaven Sheriff Court yesterday that fishermen were in despair. He said the bright lights "crucify" the sea trout, which gather in the estuary pool in the River Cowie, normally the most abundant pool in the river.

He said there was a widespread feeling of hopelessness among the anglers whenever the lights were switched on.

Mr McDonald told the court that the best time to catch sea trout was from dusk until the second hour of darkness. But he said the floodlighting meant the numbers of fish

caught at night were minimal. "I personally have never caught fish during illumination. It is recognised by all our members that, when that level of light is on, angling is not productive on the estuary," he

The court heard that the club, formed in 1937, had access to all but a mile of the river, with 53 per cent of the sea trout caught coming from the estuary pool. The sea trout season runs from February 11 to October 31, with the best fish being caught during the summer months.

lights constitute a nuisance, want them turned off most nights during the summer. The hearing before Sheriff John Eccles is expected to last several days.

Labour backs access to tax-exempt works of art

By Nigel Williamson, whitehall correspondent

PRIVATE collectors claiming tax exemption on works of art will be forced to give the public greater access under a Labour government. A loophole that allows wealthy families to avoid inheritance tax on valuable paintings, furniture, porcelain and jewellery will be tightened to guarantee full viewing rights to taxpayers. Alistair Darling, Labour's

Treasury spokesman, said: To gain tax exemption owners will have to give genuine access, listing when and where works can be seen. Many of these works of art. which are costing the taxpayer in lost revenue, remain as private as they ever were." Tighter guidelines would not need legislation.

The anglers, who claim the More than 700 owners take advantage of the scheme, which is an incentive to keep valuable works in Britain that might be sold overseas. Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, this week moved an antique mahogany buffet from his dining room to a warehouse to comply with access requirements. A Channel 4 programme asked to see the piece of furniture and Mr Soames was reluctant to invite them to his home.

Critics say access is not publicised and in many cases heavily restricted. A random survey last year found fewer than 10 per cent of the works of art registered were accessible for immediate viewing.

A visit to Cornwall to view the collection of the 10th Earl of St Germans would reveal a Rembrandt and ten Van Dycks, all tax exempt. The public also has a rarely exercised right to see a privately owned Titian, Two Boys Of The Pesaro Family. Valued at £7 million, the picture is in a

bank vault in Edinburgh. Mr Darling said: "We don't expect owners to start building galleries. But the guidelines have to be tightened to prevent

obstacles being put in the way of the viewing public."

The public must consult a computerised list, held at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London and three other locations. The register contains more than 14,000 items, is not illustrated and there is no index. Names of owners and sites are seldom included. Solicitors and banks given as contact numbers frequently ask several weeks' notice in

writing to arrange a viewing. The Inland Revenue guidelines require owners to allow "reasonable access". Complaints are referred to the Capital Taxes Office, which has the ultimate sanction of removing exemption. Officials are conducting a series of audit checks on accessibility but to date no owner has had exemption status removed.

"The scheme is working very well. We have no evidence of abuse," an Inland Revenue spokesman said.

Wellington plaque sells for £43,000

By JOHN VINCENT

A PREVIOUSLY unrecorded miniature porcelain plaque of the Duke of Wellington, commissioned by an unknown admirer in 1815 after the victory at Waterloo, fetched £43,300 at auction yesterday - seven times the estimate.

The portrait of the duke in profile, still in its original frame, was painted in enamels by Etienne-Charles Le Guay, the leading artist at Sevres, the renowned manufacturers of French porcelain. But the piece is not included in the list of known portraits

of the duke. Although it has apparently changed hands at regular intervals over the past 180 vears, its significance has never been acknowledged.

At yesterday's sale at Christie's in London, an anonymous collector, bidding by telephone, paid well over the £6,000-£8,000 estimate put on the plaque by Paul Tippett, a ceramics specialist. He said afterwards: "There was a fan-



The portrait's existence had never been recorded

tastic amount of interest in this important and historic piece. It was painted at a very interesting point in European history and practically nobody knew anything about it."

Mr Tippett, who was handling the sale on behalf of an anonymous English collector, said it was unlikely that Wellington commissioned the plaque himself, although he probably posed for a preliminary sketch.

Seasiders ready to confiscate car stereos

By A STAFF REPORTER

MOTORISTS with noisy car stereos face fines of up to E2,000 and the confiscation of their equipment in an experiment at a holiday resort this summer.

Portsmouth City Council's environmental health department is to join the police in carrying out spot-checks along the seafront at Southsea. Drivers will first be given a warning: if they reoffend, they will be served with a summons and will face fines of up to £2,000. Magistrates have the power to confiscate equipment under the Control of

Pollution Act 1974. Environmental health officials operated a scheme last year in which noisy cars were pulled over and drivers were asked to turn their music down, but no penalties were handed out.

Dave Collins, Portsmouth's assistant head of environmental health, said: "Some of the sound equipment you would normally expect to see only on stage. One van had dustbinlid-sized speakers fitted underneath and they were even illuminated. The noise was just incredible. On some cars you open the boot and there is no room for luggage; it is all taken up with amplifiers."

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The cloned sheep are said to be completely healthy

By MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

TWO cloned sheep, which are at the centre of a debate about scientific ethics after being conceived in a laboratory without the aid of semen. are to be allowed to mate this autumn in the first test of their fertility.

Scientists involved in the cloning experiment say the eight-month-old Welsh mountain ewes, Megan and Morag, are both in excellent health and should be able to breed normally. They are being reared on a research farm near Edinburgh. Ian Wilmut. who is in charge of the project at the Roslin Institute, Lothian, said: "Both animals have been out in the fields and bounding about and appear to be completely healthy and behaving in a fully normal way.

The Roslin research team were criticised at the weekend for failing to mention in the report of their work in the science journal Nature that four out of five cloned lambs were unusually large at birth, that one had to be delivered by Caesarean section and

that three had malformed organs. Dr Wilmut said yesterday: "Hind-sight is a wonderful thing and possibly it might have been better to have mentioned all these factors, but in the scope of a 1,000-word article some detail had to be left out. There was certainly no intention to conceal anything. I made clear from the outset that we still have problems with this technique and that it is nowhere close vet to commercial application. Indeed, it may be up to 20 years before it could be used to produce large numbers of

Altogether, 250 embryos were produced. Of these, 34 were transferred within hours to the wombs of a range of Scottish blackface ewes, which acted as surrogate mothers. All but five of the embryos failed to come to term. Of the five lambs born, two died

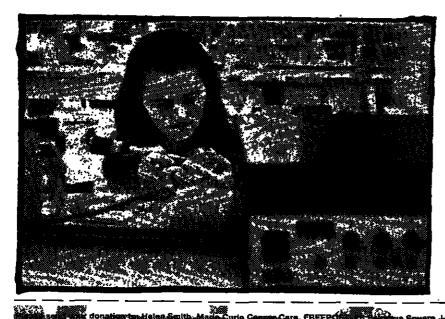
identical animals."

within minutes and one after several days. Dr Wilmut said: "Comparing their birth weights with the average for Welsh mountain lambs is misleading because the embryos were carried by Scottish blackface ewes, which are larger than the Welsh sheep and would be expected to produce bigger lambs, even though they had no genetic input."

On average, Welsh mountain lambs weigh 3.5kg (7lb lloz). The animal born by Caesarean section (which later died) weighed 6.75kg. Both Megan and Morag were delivered normally, with Morag weighing 4.40kg and Megan 3.20kg.

Two British soldiers alleged to have assaulted a British tourist in Larnaca, Cyprus (report. March 2), were not, as incorrectly stated, members of The

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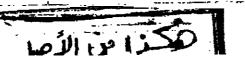
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Councils forced to spend much-needed funds on tenants' compensation claims

Lawyers profit from run-down housing

By IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

LAWYERS are collecting millions of pounds in fees and winning substantial compensation for tenants of council properties left dilapidated by years of neglect. Solicitors specialising in disrepair cases are canvassing run-down municipal estates, offering free advice and promises of compensation.

According to the Chartered Institute of Housing many authorities, especially those in depressed areas, are spending up to 10 per cent of their housing repair budgets on litigation. Places with the problem tend to be cities with a fairly active legal fraternity who are tapping an easy market," Louise Ayriss at the institute said.

Lawyers say years of neglect and bad management have left thousands of tenants living in property often condemned by the councils' own health departments as unfit for human habitiation. A legally aided battle to obtain their rights is often the only sure

way tenants have of forcing money-strapped councils to carry out long overdue repairs. The problem has become so severe that Lord Woolf has made its resolution a priority in his current inquiry into the working of the civil

Joanna Miller, a solicitor in the housing department at Liverpool City Council, said that 25 per cent of the £40 million repair budget now goes on legal fees and compensation. Firms target an estate where we are trying to get the job done in consultation with the residents and when the claims start coming in it messes up all our plans. Half of our 48,000 properties are substandard and the money should be spent on making our stock fit to live in instead of going into the pockets of

Jed McGuinness, chairman of the Liverpool Tenants' Association, said that solicitors exploited the fact that resi-dents became frustrated wait-

Repair costs for the 3.7 million council proper-BILLIONS NEEDED

ties are estimated to be £10.5 billion over the next decade, plus a further £8 billion for improvements ☐ Between 1993 and 1998 the total council capital expenditure on housing is estimated to fall by 22 per cent, from £2.9 billion to £2.2 billion.

☐ The withdrawal of government subsidy has increased weekly council rents since 1989 from £20.70 to £38.38.

go on repairs going into the

pockets of lawyers. There are 30,000 properties in Liverpool

that need revamping and we

are not even scratching the

surface, and these people walk away with cash that we des-

Hugh Mackenzie, of the

Chester-based solicitors

Gamlins Storrar Cowdry,

says his firm is providing a much-needed public service by offering to fight for tenants'

rights on run-down council

On average, 60 per cent of council tenants

ing for repairs. "It is disgust-ing to see money that should there is a commercial incentive for us," he said, "but at the same time we are helping people to escape from damp, mouldy properties which ruin

their health and life. What's wrong with that?" Birmingham, Europe's largest housing authority with 100,000 properties on its books, has a £100 million annual repair budget of which £1.9 million goes in legal fees, £1.6 million in compensation

and a further £4.4 million in repairs ordered by the courts. We are forever fire-fighting instead of being able to pro-

mon Kimberley, assistant director of housing, said. "We are in court every day with up to 100 cases on occasion. There is a real legal industry in

and qualify for legal aid.

☐ Tenants not on housing

benefit usually cannot qualify for legal aid but

their rent money is part of the housing repair budget, which is used to pay legal fees and

compensation. The higher the cost of litiga-

☐ It is a criminal offence under the 1990

Environment Protection Act for a council to

allow a property to fall into a state of disrepair

that constitutes a statutory nuisance. Most

disrepair cases are brought under this Act.

tion, the more rent rises.

pursuing local authorities. Wendy Backhouse of the Housing Law Practitioners Association insists that lawyers are only fighting councils for tenants' right. "It is a diversionary tactic to blame the lawyers for the consequences of the councils' own incompetence," she said. "Tenants have been ignored for years and if councils only

would not cost them anyhing like as much as it does.

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"Why shouldn't a tenant receive compensation after enduring years of living in appalling conditions? After 20 to 30 years of poor maintenance, we are getting to a crisis point and there really is not enough money to look after the housing stock. The real target should be the Government and it is a great shame we are fighting each other rather than fighting the real cause of the problem investment in

housing." Hackney Council in east London has had more than 1,000 legal cases to deal with since 1993 and has written £3.2 million into next year's budget for litigation costs. Maurecen Mullen, a tenant

who has waged a legal battle for more than ten years with Hackney, has so far cost it a total of E128,951. The council repeatedly promised to repair the five-bedroom Victorian home she and her seven children were allocated in

her case at Shoreditch County Court last week, Judge Graham said: "It is one of numerous examples on the part of Hackney council failing to take with sufficient seriousness promises made to the

Bill Parry-Davies, her solici-tor, who specialises in housing cases against the council, said: "Compensation often exceeds the cost of getting the repair done. This case is just one of many demonstrating that local authorities would do better by improving their appalling and wasteful management than by criticising solicitors who enforce housing standards laid down by

Parliament. The council, however, has only £32 million available to carry out repairs and Bernard Crofton, the housing manager, wishes he could use the money lost to lawyers to renovate the council's housing stock. "We want to concentrate on getting repairs done but have to waste time and money in court," he said.

Police take hospital to court

POLICE are taking legal action against hospital ad-ministrators for refusing to disclose details of a patient suspected of being involved in crime.

The man, treated for cut hands at St Mary's Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight, was accused of smashing a shop window and stealing expensive

clothing. The hospital had previously agreed that details would be given in the case of serious offences, such as murder and rape. Staff considered the alleged theft not serious enough to warrant disclosure.

The police are to ask a judge to order the hospital to reveal his name. Inspector Steve Evans said: There is no law of confidentiality, it is simply the hospital's internal code of

conduct operating here." Mike Powell, the hospi tal's chief executive, said it would defend its position in court, but comply with any court order.

Your mum

How one family ruins a respectable street

BY IAN MURRAY COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

LAWS to speed the eviction of families who terrorise housing estates are being considered as a top priority by Lord Woolf, who is completing a review of justice for the Government. He has met tenants from 13

estates to hear of the mayhem that one anti-social family can cause. Roger Griffiths. director of housing at Coventry, who organised the gathering. said: "He was obviously very concerned by what he heard and this problem has now one right to the top of Lord Woolf's agenda. The Housing Bill now before Parliament gives some powers of eviction but it just does not go anywhere near far enough to tackle the problem.

"We are talking about bodity harm, racial intimidation and drug trafficking on a large scale. People are too frightened to give evidence and even if we do get someone prepared to be a witness the process takes up to 18 months and all that time they have to live next making their life hell. Something has to be done to create confidence in the system."

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Gerry Carroll, deputy chairman of Manchester's housing committee, discovered the problem for himself two years ago. He had lived on the Wythenshawe estate for 30 years when his next-door neighbour moved out and a family comprising an unem-



Carroll: threatened by aggressive neighbour

ployed man, his partner and two young children moved in. "They arrived on the Thursday and on the Saturday night they started shouting, fighing and throwing things," Mr Carroll said. "The walls are only thin and the sound of a woman being beaten came through clearly. The kids

"For a long time we were scared to complain. We saw them fighting in the street and once some of his friends came round and there were 15 of

them out there fighting. "We tolerated this sort of behaviour for some time, partly because we were frightened to say anything, but in the end we complained. I had not realised that the complaint

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neighbour. After that he threatened to torch the house, set fire to our car and to come round with a 4lb coal hammer. He said he would smash me and wouldn't mind going to prison for it. That sort of

talk gets to you.
"The house is semi-detached and I would lie awake all night listening for creaks in the loft, terrified that he was coming in that way."

After "18 months of increasing hell" Mr Carroll obtained an injunction against his neighbour, but the judge insisted that the man be given another home near by. "I am still terrified he will come round and do something." The man's behaviour de-

stroyed the atmosphere in the street. "Some people sided with him, perhaps because they were frightened, and others with us. There are now two factions and they still won't speak to each other. "People like this can ruin an

area. They force families to leave, a house becomes empty, were crying, the dogs were barking and we were left nobody wants to take it on and We have had to pull down whole streets because of just one anti-social tenant. "In Manchester we have

been the first to introduce probationary tenancies to try and ensure good behaviour. There are those who say that this takes away civil liberties. but what about the civil liberties of the families whose lives can be ruined?"

Marine dies

in training

incident

A MARINE has died after diving to the bottom of a swimming pool during a training test.

Nigel Foster, 27, from Ports-

mouth, who was in his first

week of training at Lymp-

stone, Devon, after eight years in the RAF, had been allowed to take his battle swimming

test as he was a strong swim-mer. He dived to fetch his rifle,

ed two lengths of the pool

while carrying his rifle, web-bing and weights, and was

webbing and a 11b weight and

then duck-dived 12ft to recover

the gun from the deep end but

Instructors and doctors

tried to revive him but he was

the Royal Devon and Exeter

Hospital on Friday. The Royal

Marines have begun an in-

ternal inquiry, and officers at

Lympstone were yesterday awaiting the results of a post-

failed to surface.

which he had dropped. Marine Foster had complet-

Veronica Spalding-Hall with Daniel, 12 weeks, who was not due until next week

Hospitals send home babies weeks before scheduled birth

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

PARENTS of premature bahanding the weapon to a col-league on the poolside when he dropped it. He removed his bies are being given training to allow them to care for their children at home. Daniel, born 13 weeks prematurely last December, spent less than eight weeks in hospital before being sent home to Harston, Cambridgeshire, more than a month before he was due to be declared dead after arriving at

His mother, Veronica Spalding-Hall, 30, uses an oxygen concentrator and tube-feeds her son, who would normally have spent months being monitored in the special care baby unit at Addenbrooke's

he was born. "We were very nervous but it was wonderful to have him home. In hospital, you feel a bit like you are playing at being a Mum."

Ďaniel, now 12 weeks old, is connected to the oxygen concentrator for four hours each morning and night. Enriched air is fed into his nostrils via a plastic tube attached to his head. The concentrator, the size of a small fridge, is installed under the stairs and pipes run to the sitting room and upstairs to Daniel's bedroom. Portable oxygen cylin-

Hospital, Cambridge, where ders are used when he goes

About 90 babies needing oxygen and tube-feeding and weighing as little as 3lb 9oz have gone home under the neonatal community service, established two years ago. Parents are taught to recognise signs of illness and community nurses visit regu-

larly to provide support. Mrs Spalding-Hall, who also has a daughter aged nine, said: "It was exhausting when Daniel was in hospital. Family life only begins when the baby comes home."

mortem examination. Huddersfield huffs over Wilson tribute

up a statue or name a prominent building

BY PAUL WILKINSON

HAROLD WILSON, hailed as the Prime Minister with an eye for the common touch, has been brought down to earth by the burghers of his home town, Huddersfield. Seeking to provide a memorial for its most famous son, who died aged 79 last May, officials on the staunchly Labour Kirklees council have drawn up a list of what they consider suitable sites to honour the late Lord Wilson of Rievaulx.

A meeting of the council tomorrow will decide what form a memorial will take. Councillors will decide if they should put

or organisation in Lord Wilson's memory. Eric Lawson, a Labour member of the committee responsible for choosing a site, said: "I hope we will opt for a statue of a dumpy little figure wearing his famous Gannex raincoat and puffing on his equally famous pipe."
Sites being considered have infuriated

residents, who fear the memory of their most famous son will be tarnished unless a prime location is chosen. Suggestions have included the loading bay to an underground service area of a shopping development, a flight of stairs in the car

park at Huddersfield bus station, a bridge over the M62, the middle of an out-oftown roundabout and outside an electricity showroom on the outer ring road.

Sarah Cheffins, the council's public relations officer, said: "These locations have been carefully chosen so that the maximum number of visitors can see the memorial." But Harold Ainley, 80, who attended school with Lord Wilson, said: "All those sites, particularly the loading bay, are an insult to an outstanding politician and great Prime Minister. It's sickening. It's no way of honouring the town's most famous son."



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Europe is an election-winner - and today's White Paper will highlight party differences. But they are wrong. The Tory and Labour, though not the Liberal Democrat, approaches are much more alike than the parties claim, and Europe as such is highly unlikely to sway many

Last June, MORI asked, as part of its regular polls for The Times. how much people's vote at the next election would be influenced. if at all, by various issues. Europe came ninth, mentioned by just a quarter. way behind unemployment the health service, education and law and order. Its rating is similarly low even among those who have switched away from the Tories since 1992. Twice as many of this group say their vote will be affected by law and order as by

The only group whose votes may be substantially influenced by Europe are committed Tories - 38 per cent of whom mentioned it. Europe also matters to those aged over 55 and to middle-class people. These are, of course, precisely the groups to whom Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party appeals. But even here Europe is

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

unlikely to be decisive with many. The current attack of Tory jitters is grossly overdone. The Referendum Party should do better than other fringe groups because of Sir James's curiosity value, like Ross Perot or Steve Forbes, and because of his intention to spend large amounts of money to gain attention. But the conventional estimate, or rather guess, of election analysts, and some Tory strategists, is that the Referendum Party is unlikely to win more than I or 2

per cent of the voters nationally. But evidence of past anti-Brussels candidates - in the European elections in June 1994 — suggests that the party will draw support across the board and not just from disillusioned former Tories.

The party could do better in some marginal seats, which is why some nervous Tory MPs are pressing for the promise of a referendum on a single currency. Sir James wants a referendum now, or at the election, on Britain's relations with Europe, but Tory business managers believe the promise of one on a single currency should be enough to undermine

may be gained by appeasing Sir James. The Tory leadership might be better advised to confront him as someone whose views on trade. the environment and the future of Europe are at odds with those of

most Tory supporters.
The Tories argue that only they will stand up for Britain's interests in Europe. There are real differences between the parties on social and employment policy and, to a lesser extent, on extensions to qualified majority voting. But these are less important than their agreement on keeping defence, foreign and immigration policy as

matters for inter-governmental cooperation rather than community competence. Neither wants any form of superstate and they both disagree with the likely French and German approach to the IGC. Their differences lie more in style and rhetoric - positive on the Labour side and wary on the Tory

The Liberal Democrats are the only British party in the main-stream of the debate in the rest of Europe. Their policy paper on the Meeting the European Challenge, to be published tomorrow, is cautious on defence and security. However, it proposes to

extend qualified majority voting to all European law-making except constitutional and budgetary matters and, even more controversially. to make citizenship and immigration issues subject to the scrutiny of the European Parliament and legal control of the European Court of Justice. The latter proposals, common to most European parties, are anothema to Tories and Labour alike. Not only is Europe unlikely to be decisive in the election, but British policy may change much less than the parties claim if Labour wins.

PETER RIDDELL

Mackay overcomes Lords rebellion on divorce reform

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chancellor fought off a rebellion by Tory peers yesterday when the House of Lords rejected a demand for an extension of the cooling-off period for divorce from 12 to 18 months.

After a heated debate, peers voted by 157 to 109 against an amendment proposed by Baroness Young, a former Tory minister, for an extension in cases where children were involved or the divorce was contested. Lord Mackay of Clashfern's victory ensures that the Family Law Reform Bill will go into the Commons next month with its controversial minimum waiting time

The Bill will include, however, a measure for pensions to be split when couples divorce, a change forced by a government defeat in the Lords last month. Ministers may try to reverse that change in the Commons.

Labour served warning last night that the Government could not rely on its unconditional support in the Commons over the passage of the Bill. It would seek precise costings on mediation measures plus firm support for proposals to protect single mothers against domestic violence. Paul Boeteng, Labour's legal affairs spokesman, said: We support the broad thrust of the measures but are particularly concerned that the medidiation provisions will turn into another Child Sup-

port Agency fiasco." Several Tory backbenchers have also signalled that they may vote against some parts of the Bill, arguing that its measures make divorce easier at a time when the Government should be supporting

marriage.
However, Tory business managers seem confident that they will secure majority support for the Second and Third Reading of the Bill, with Labour's help. They will allow their own backbenchers to express their concerns by offering a number of free votes on the Bill, including one on provision for no-fault divorces and another on the cooling-off period. They insist that any decision on pension splitting does not have to be made until the report stage of the Bill, due

Last night Lord Mackay was delighted that peers had decided that 12 months was the appropriate period for "reflection and consideration" before a divorce could be of the Archbishop of York, the

granted. "It has always been my view that the 12-month period of time is the one that best suits the interests of families, and especially child-

" I have listened carefully to the debate, but I have not heard any arguments that convince me that extending the period would have any effect other than to increase the trauma for those involved, including the children.

By this vote, the Lords has endorsed this view, and ensured that the Family Law Bill will continue to represent a significant opportunity to reform the divorce laws in a way that supports families, makes it easier to save marriages and avoid unnecessary conflict in the procedure."

Lady Young, opening yes terday's debate, emphasised that her amendment was a compromise and insisted that it did not go against the spirit of the Government's proposals. "Its principal aim is to buttress marriage, which I believe fundamentally we should be doing in this Bill

and which is so important for the fabric of society," she said. She told the House that her extremely important step" to end a marriage. "We must amendment had the support



Bishops of London, Chichester, and Chester, and the Roman Catholic Cardinal Basil Hume. She said that when children were involved, a year was too short a period to consider whether to "take the

consider the effect all of this is having on the whole fabric of

Lady Young was supported by 60 Tory peers, including Lord Archer of Weston-supermare, a former deputy Tory party chairman. Lord Archer

peers had supported a much tougher amendment but had accepted a compromise to try to unite peers. Amending the Bill to provide a longer refection time would be worthwhile even if only a few thousand

couples could be saved from

Foreign Office minister, and David

hopefuls such as David Davis, the

Curry, the Housing Minister, may In spite of Sir Patrick's lengthy service in the Government, Mr Major is thought to want him to stay

Ministers look towards big shake-up of workers' rights

By Nicholas Wood, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

EVERY employee in Britain could be affected by the Government's review of employment protection and unfair dismissal laws exposed by the leak of a minister's letter last

The letter, from Ian Lang. President of the Board of Trade, to Michael Heseltine. the Deputy Prime Minister, referred to plans to repeal legal safeguards covering mil-lions of people working for

small firms. But this is the tip of the iceberg. Despite John Major's coyness last week in the Commons and his diplomatic silence yesterday at the small business conference in London. Downing Street policy advisers and senior ministers are studying recommendations for a far wider assault on legislation that dates back to the 1960s and 1970s.

The spur to the policy review is a pamphlet by Warwick Lightfoot, a former Treasury adviser, published in early January by the new Tory think-tank Politeia.

It is understood that the paper, Unfinished Business: the economic case for a more liberal labour market, has attracted the interest of John Major and Norman Blackwell, the head of the Downing Street policy unit. They swiftly concluded, however, that it would be politically impossible to try to sweep away covering workplace rights.

Instead, the Government is understood to be intent on adopting the tactics used by Margaret Thatcher in her assault on trade union rights in the 1980s. This involved five key Acts of Parliament between 1980 and 1990, gradually chipping away at the unions legal immunities.

Mr Heseltine's suggestion

Colonial.

was the first step. However, the resulting outery, led by Labour, is likely to have given the Government pause for thought. In his leaked letter. Mr Lang said that even applying the Lightfoot proposals to small firms would be "immensely controversial".

The paper from Mr Lightfoot, who advised Mr Major during his spell as Chancellor, was widely circulated in Whitehall. It says that the present laws push up unemployment by deterring all firms from taking on extra staff. Repealing them would create jobs, boost efficiency and create greater prosperity. Individual contracts freely struck in a genuinely competitive labour market would be better all round.

The paper says: "The unfair dismissal and redundancy legislation provides workers with extensive legal protection from routine managerial decisions. making it more complicated and expensive to dismiss workers who are either incompetent or not needed, by giving the workers concerned special procedures for challenging those routine decisions."

Yesterday, Mr Lightfoot urged ministers to learn from the Thatcher years. "The caravan has moved on and Tory ministers should move with it. There is a lot to be said for attack as the best form of defence. Changing the terms Thatcher was very effective at. must come back.

"Ministers have to turn the minumum wage, employment legislation and the social chapter into a serious economic debate and a political crusade. The intellectual arguments are on their side and could be used as a battering ram against their opponents.

Major's speech, page 25

Major resists pressure for a reshuffle this summer

POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR is preparing to defy Tory calls for another reshuffle in the summer to give the Government a fresh look in the run-up to the general election. He is letting it be known that he expects his present Cabinet to carry on unchanged until the next election, which could come as early as the autumn

A reconstruction could yet be forced on Mr Major by unexpected

has gone out from Downing Street that he is not looking to make changes this year after the large scale reshuffle that followed last year's leadership election.

There have been suggestions that Sir Patrick Mayhew is planning to stand down in the summer as Northern Ireland secretary, prompting a wider series of changes. Yesterday Sir Patrick said that the reports were "wishful thinking on someone's part". He felt that it was general election.

Mr Major was reported to be reluctant to put ministers into new jobs so close to an election. A senior source said: "He believes that ministers have now bedded down after last year's shuffle but he does not want them to be in a position where they are learning new briefs in the election run-up period."

The Prime Minister's apparent decision will upset some on the Right, who were looking for a recall

candidate in the leadership election. It has also been said that Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, who is under pressure from parts of the party over his

gested that Mr Major has no plans to ask him to go. Last year's changes brought four new faces, Michael Forsyth, Douglas Hogg, Sir George Young and William Hague into the Cabinet. If

have to wait. divorce reforms, might be dropped. Party sources, however, have sug-

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until the election. Yesterday Sir Patrick said: "I believe this is a job that should ideally be done for a whole Parliament. I certainly hope to be Secretary of State right up to of starting with small firms

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Labour hit in protest by disabled

ARTHUR LEATHLEY POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PROTESTERS staged boardroom demonstration inside Labour's headquarters yesterday after demanding that the party promise to introduce new laws to protect the disabled.

About 30 protesters in wheelchairs spent six hours at John Smith House in London claiming that Labour's spokesman for the disabled had refused to assure them that an incoming Labour government would enshrine new rights for the disabled. They used lifts to reach the boardroom and refused to leave. demanding promises that a Labour government would in-troduce anti-discrimination

legislation. Tom Clarke, Shadow Minister for the Disabled, dismissed the demonstrators as a small group of militants. "This faction's activities have been disowned by members of their own organisations and many other disabled people, who made it clear that this small group of militants are unrepresentative of Britain's 6.5 million disabled people," he

The Labour Party will not allow this incident to sour our relations with disabled people and their organisations." The demonstrators came from DAN — the Disabled

People's Direct Action Network — which runs civil disobedience campaigns. Past actions have included handuffing themselves to buses as well as crawling into Parliament.

MP seeks better care of broiler chickens

By Michael Hornsby **AGRICULTURE** CORRESPONDENT

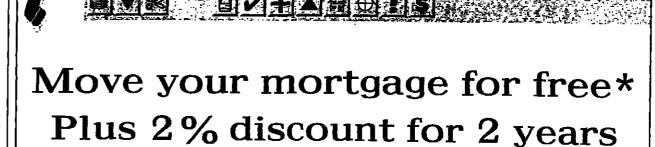
A BACKBENCHER'S Bill to improve the welfare of the 700 million broiler chickens reared annually for their meat is to be debated today in the House of Commons.

The aim is to reduce the intensiveness of modern poultry rearing, which critics say forces the birds to put on weight so quickly that up to 180 million suffer from leg

disorders.
The Bill, sponsored by Alan Meale, Labour MP for Mansfield, would require farmers to inspect their flocks twice a day and to remove any birds showing difficulty in walking or suffering injury or disease for veterinary treatment or humane slaughter. The Ten-Minute Rule Bill has crossparty support but has no chance of becoming law with-

out government backing. Peter Stevenson, legal director of Compassion in World Farming, who drafted the Bill, said: "What we are calling for would raise production costs for poultry farmers. But chicken meat is incredibly cheap and people need to realise that this has been achieved at the price of causing hideous ani-

mal suffering. Peter Bradnock, chief executive of the British Poultry Meat Federation, said: "Wel fare standards reflect legislation and the latest scientific knowledge. Co-operation with research institutes and investment in modern systems will ensure these high standards continue to improve."



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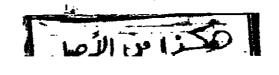


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Russians isolated in a body-strewn city without power

SMALL groups of Chechen rebels battled with Russian troops yesterday as separatist fighters continued their retreat from the Chechen capital.

The entire city was without water and power after four days of fierce fighting, during which the rebels have destroyed water pumping sta-tions and power plants and set an oil refinery ablaze.

Hundreds of Russian forces have sealed off several blocks of the city centre, where a little corner of Russian officialdom, complete with bureaucrats. secretaries and government offices, thrives behind barbed wire and machinegun nests.

But walk a few yards in any direction beyond the government compound and it be-comes obvious how tenuous is Russia's hold over Grozny. At the central market place, where traders were back after the clashes, a young rebel shoppers, cradling an assault

rifle and even stopping briefly to chat to reporters. The fight is not over yet. We will continue until the last Russian soldier is driven from our land," he said, before melting

On Lenin Prospekt, one of the main arteries of the city and the scene of some of the heaviest lighting in last week's rebel assault, the Russian forces were still not in full control. We counted the bodies of eight civilians still lying in the street where they had fallen in the crossfire between Russian and Chechen forces.

One of the most telling signals of the loss of Russian authority was the absence of any pro-Russian Chechen police on the streets. Before last week's raid, the Kremlin had invested enormous resources to try to strengthen the position of Doku Zavgayev, the Moscow-backed President of Chechenia, elected in a highly dubious vote last De-

force he had put together evaporated during the early stages of the fighting after taking heavy casualties. Reports in Grozny suggest ed that some officers switched

sides to the seperatist cause and allowed rebel fighters to use their weapons, uniforms and police vehicles to travel round the city unopposed by the Russians. Interfax reported yesterday that Russian troops sold a tank and armoured combat vehicle to a group of rebels for the equivalent of £2,500 after getting drunk with them.

Anatoli Kulikov, the Interior Minister, said here yesterday that the rebel force which attacked Grozny last week numbered about 1,000, of which 300 had been killed and 350 wounded. The toll was roughly double the earlier figures. The Interior Ministry said that 170 Russian troops

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A Chechen refugee waits at a checkpoint with her baby on the way back to Grozny, where the central market has reopened after four days of fighting

Europe's leaders , reject Santer job-creation plan

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

on a scheme by Jacques Santer, the Commission President, which would use unspent European Union funds

on projects to create jobs. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, joined ministers from France, Germany and three other states in telling Mr Santer that, if the EU budget was underspent. the excess cash should be returned to the member states rather than shifted into expensive new projects.

We cannot have loose budgets at the community level and austerity at the national level," said Jean Arthuis, the French Finance Minister.

Clearly stung by the minis-terial rebuff, Mr Santer pointed out that his plans for spending on research and development and large-scale transport systems was a response to the governments' own demands for action to alleviate unemployment, which is the biggest scourge of the EU. If the members continued to block such action, "then

EUROPEAN governments it will be clear where the yesterday poured cold water responsibility lies", said a spokesman for Mr Santer.

The ministers believed that despite the economic downturn across Europe, spending heavy sums on public projects would send the wrong message at a time when govern-ments are demanding sacrifices from taxpayers in the name of curbing budget deficits. Ministers put a brave face on what the Commission calls the "pause" in European growth, and several voiced optimism that monetary union could still go ahead on schedule in 1999.

The normally voluble Mr Clarke, who last week voiced support for Britain's entry to European Monetary Union. was tight-lipped as he rushed back to London ahead of today's publication of the govemment's White Paper on its plans for the Maastricht review. No one at the EU session had mentioned the word "referendum" was all he said in response to a question on Britain's debate on whether to

hold an EMU plebiscite.

ALE STREET **Prince** is excluded from oath

Canberra: John Howard, the new Australian Prime Minister, swore allegiance to the Queen but not the Prince of Wales yesterday as he was officially confirmed in his new

In swearing the oath of allegiance he specifically deleted the words and her heirs and successors". Mr Howard, an avowed monarchist, won the election in a landslide vote that had little to do with the issue of whether Australia should become a republic. He has promised a people's convention on the subject and, if it opts for a republic, a referendum. (AP)

Suspect killed

Karachi: Pakistani security forces killed a wanted Mohajir "terrorist" with a price tag of five million rupees (£95,000) on his head at a hideout here. Naeem Sherri died with another militant. (Reuter)

Tamil ambush

Colombo: Tamil Tigers ambushed and killed 23 Sri Lankan commandos in hand-tohand fighting near Batticaloa after helicopter gunships de-stroyed two rebel bases, killing 40 guerrillas. (AFP)

Mayor on trial

Lyons: Michel Noir, the former Mayor of Lyons, France's second city, went on trial for the second time in a year on new charges of corruption, by using municipal funds fraudulently. (Reuter)

Mafia round-up

Rome: Italian police have arrested 226 people in a series of dawn raids on charges of belonging to the Camorra, the Neapolitan mafia, and of drugs trafficking and other offences. (Reuter)

Dhaka clashes

Dhaka: One man was killed and nearly 50 were injured in gunbattles and bombings involving rival Bangladeshi activists on the third day of an opposition-led "non-cooperation" campaign. (Reuter)



Schäuble: supports idea

Successor *'anointed* by Kohl'

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HELMUT KOHL has secretly agreed that his right-hand man, Wolfgang Schäuble, will be the Christian Democrats' candidate for the German leadership in the 1998 general election, according to a book

published this week. The first comprehensive biography of Herr Schauble, the wheelchair-bound Christian Democrat (CDU) parliamentary leader, suggests the two reached an understanding before the October 1994 elec-tions. The author, Ulrich Rietz, says the outgoing Chancellor and his anointed crown prince will campaign in

tandem. The move would throw into a spin plans for deeper European integration: 1998 is already set to be complex, marking the final preparations for European monetary union and the beginning of negotiations on Europe's eastward enlargement. Herr Schäuble, 53, put his name to a strategy paper calling for a hard-core Europe — a document shockingly explicit about those countries, such as Italy, likely

to be left outside. He is a firm believer in the Franco-German axis and recently be-moaned its stagnation. Much has changed since the

two men allegedly struck their deal and it may be the Chancellor is having second thoughts. The ten-seat parlia-mentary majority, frailty of the Free Democrats, the CDU's junior coalition partner, and popular opposition to European monetary union are all factors that may persuade Herr Kohl to stay to 2000.

Malan maintains 'hit squad' denial

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN DURBAN

AMID angry scenes at the Supreme Court in Durban. General Magnus Malan, the former South African Defence Minister, and 19 coaccused yesdterday pleaded not guilty to murder in con-nection with alleged hit squad killings of apartheid govern-

ment opponents in the 1980s.
Six black policemen and a senior member of the Zulubased Inkatha Freedom Party, followed by white former soldiers and their ageing apartheid-era security chiefs, in turn denied 13 charges of murder, four of attempted murder and conspiracy to murder, delivering rebuttals in Zolu or Afrikaans. General Malan, 66, answered firmly

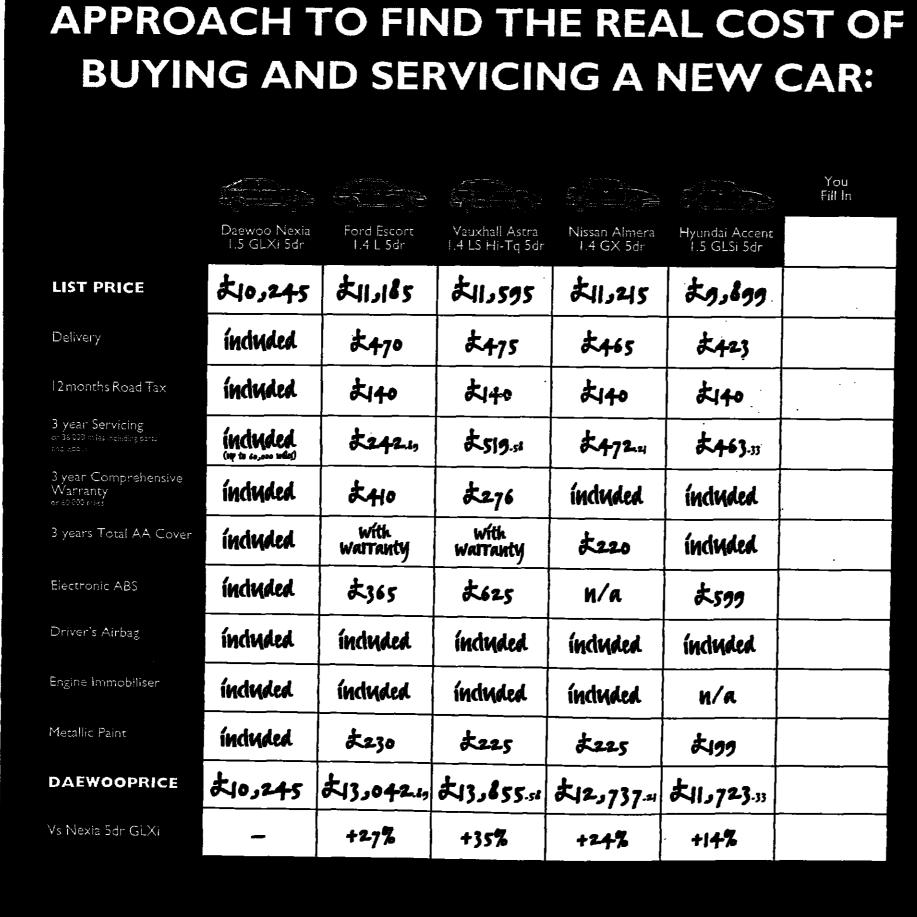
"Onskuldig" (not guilty). Resuming after a week to give the defence more time to

study prosecution documents released only last Monday. the case relates to the involvement of 12 former security chiefs in a covert operation against the then banned ANC. and its allies.

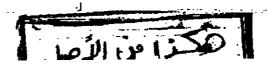
It involved setting up a hit squad that allegedly carried out the 1987 massacre of 13 people, five of them children aged between four and ten, at the home of an ANC official in KwaMakhutha, a town-

ship near Durban. Also in the dock is Zakhele "MZ" Khumalo, Inkatha's deputy secretary-general, who was once personal assistant to its leader. Chief Mangozuthu Buthelezi.

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Maitresse d': when Hollywood dropped Jenny Agutter, friends told her to sell real estate; instead she married it in the form of Johan Tham, owner of some of Britain's smarter hotels

hat fun to be mistress of Cliveden, glorious backdrop to the Profumo affair and now converted by one's affluent husband into a hotel for the rich and pampered. How pleasant to lie by the pool where Christine Keeler and Mandy Rice-Davies swam, and plan one's schedule of cultural soirees with a little light acting

Actually, Jenny Agutter will tell you, it is not like that at all. You should have seen her on the way to one of her recent Cliveden evenings, hair in rollers, evening dress unbut-toned down the back, screaming at a garage owner that he had to lend her £5 because she had no petrol and no money. discovered afterwards that they have these nonpayment forms, but of course I didn't know the system." Perhaps the most irritating thing, initially, about Agutter is the

worked so very well for her. Made a star at 16 by her part Roberta in The Railway Children, she learnt gradually that trainspotting, whether in an anorak at Crewe or in button boots and starchy petticoats while flitting over the Yorkshire Moors, has never been great for the image.

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Even so, she carved out a patchily successful Hollywood career until she met her Swedish hotelier husband, had a

The trials of an ornamental wife

son. Jonathan, at 38, and held forth on the idylls of marriage and late motherhood to the point where the more unkind might have felt like strangling the erstwhile Roberta with her red flannel bloomers.

It looked for a time as if I might not have this option. Was Mrs Tham (her Cliveden label) expecting me? the receptionist at another of her husband's delightful hotels wondered snootily. She had not mentioned callers and. besides, she had gone out. However, if I would park next to the lilies (more choreographed than arranged), we

would see if she turned up. She was slightly flustered when she arrived. Traffic, The school run. A row over parking in which she had to restrain herself from screeching: Look, just what is your problem?" It was the first indication that Roberta might

not be quite so sugary after all. The second was her anguish over her latest part. And The

Jenny Agutter finds the time to combine an acting career with her role as mistress of Cliveden Interview: Mary Riddell **Photograph:** Peter Nicholls

what I had to offer."

of films ranging from Walk-

about to Equus decreed that a

chief selling point was her.

body. "Having to be naked

ious. They invariably say it's an integral part of the drama.

but Equus was terribly embar-

day how particularly uncom-

fortable hay is. When we had

to do the close shots it became

peculiarly dirty. There was something about it that had

lost its innocence. It wasn't just

being naked ... it was the

"I wanted to feel strong

about my work, but the em-

phasis was always on looking

good, being in control, being

on top." She did it for well over a decade, returned to Britain

for two years with the RSC

and went back to Los Angeles

to find her name excised from

every little black book in town.

looks and the atmosphere.

y co-star, Peter

Firth, was re-

minding me

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Beat Goes On, an eight-part TV series set on Merseyside in the Sixties, begins next Tuesday, and she plays Constance Spencer, the wife of the local MP. "I only had a day to think about the character, because I took the job after Jane Asher dropped out."

Absolutely no actresses confess who was first choice for a part they have accepted. But Agutter - Royal Shakespeare Company performer and award-winning film star learnt long ago to loathe the self-image Hollywood re-quired of her. "Over there, you

have to be seen at the openings, appear in the magazines. l always felt uncomfortable

"I spent almost everything I had. I even sold my house to get money to carry on." Give it up, her friends told her. Sell real estate. Instead (after finally getting more film work) she married it in the form of Johan Tham, nine years her senior, already settled in homes in Vauxhall and Cornwall and about the selling of myself; it owner of some of the country's made me very nervous about smarter hotels. Gushing. happy-ever-after stories ac-Particularly since directors companied her wedding, and

she was, still is, content. "I could never have married before. The people I meet in my profession are wonderful with admiration for Judi Dench and Michael Williams because I don't know how they do it. I had a few relationships with actors and I thought: never again. Too many people struggling for the bathroom

mirror in the morning. "And I'm not easy to live with. Not then and not now, I thought I was, but I'm not I remember shouting at an old boyfriend and him saying, Well, you're no day at the beach yourself."

Even the birth of her son. Jonathan, now five, was not quite the unalloyed bliss the publicity machine suggested She has found motherhood a huge adjustment, she says, and besides there was always the fear. She learnt during her pregnancy that she was a carrier of the cystic fibrosis gene and although tests showed that her baby would

be fine, she works still for the charity linked to the illness and watches as her niece, a sufferer, copes with its effects. "Rachel is 17 now, and one

just worries about any cold or illnesses. She's had spells in hospital but no major damage to her lungs. The most difficult thing for a teenager is having to do exercises every day at a time in your life when you think yourself invincible."

She says it matter-of-factly, but then Agutter has always been tougher than she gives herself credit for. An army officer's daughter, rootless and accustomed to travel, she could easily recast herself, at 43, as the perfect hostess and ornamental wife. But she loves acting, she says, is passionate still about her career, and besides she is not really a natural for the high life. She still buys her jumpers from thrift shops and scours Time Out for the cheapest bucket-

shop air fares.
"I would never encourage Jonathan to go into acting. It's so maugi with traps and littered with failures. I remember one film called The Dark Tower, which was never shown. It was supposed to be in a Barcelona skyscraper but all they could afford was a four-storey building. We called it The Dark Squat."

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The move from dark squat to Cliveden is a fair step. It is to Mrs Tham's credit that it was never going to be far enough.

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Who cares who killed Kathleen?

Julia Llewellyn Smith on the strange death of a patient in care

leen Waugh disappeared from her bed in Knowl House, a residential home for the physically and mentally disabled in Ashton-under-Lyne. Six weeks later the body of Kathleen, a 41-year-old with the mind of a child, who could not talk and walked only with difficulty, was found in a reservoir 25

miles away. No one has ever been able to explain how she disappeared from under the noses of care workers employed by Tameside council to protect her, why the autopsy showed her body to be full of drugs. and why information was withheld from the police. Until 1984, Kathleen

lived with her parents in a council house in Ashton-under-Lyne, and attended Knowl House as a day patient. After her mother died. Kathleen was sent to live there. At the time

there were only account' ten residents in the 31-bed home, which

was being wound down. There was no longer a manager, but a residential services manager - who was also in charge of two other homes - had an overview responsibility. Day-to-day running was shared between deputy of-ficer Jenny Caldwell and two other deputies.

On the night of December 27, 1991, Ms Caldwell was on duty until the end of her shift at 10pm, when she handed over to two residential care workers, Ann Clayton and Bernadette Jones. Twice that night the security alarm sounded outside Kathleen's flat, which she shared with another resident, Agnes Pashley. The first time, Ms Clayton went to check on Kathleen, who was sitting up in bed, wearing her pyjamas. The second time, they assumed the disturbance had been caused by Agnes, who had wandered outside. Both said they made hourly checks through the night by listening at Kathleen's door.

At 9 o'clock the following morning, they discovered that Kathleen was missing. There were no signs of a break-in. At first the case

was treated as a straightforward missing persons in-quiry. They said she'll turn up, but we felt something was wrong," says her niece, Lisa, who appears in The Killing of Kathleen Waugh, a Network First documentary to be screened tonight (ITV, 10.40pm).

In fact, it was impossible for Kathleen to have left the

home alone. She was afraid of the dark and could not walk any distance unaided. Kathleen's body was found on February 15, 1992, wearing trainers. She had last been seen wearing pyja-mas in bed; she could not

have tied her laces alone. The body had been in the water too long for a cause of death to be established but there were

no obvious signs 'A lot of of violence. Police found that several hunmoney dred pounds were missing from Kathleen's missing had been taken bank account. They also learnt that she had from her before and had

> nearby field in a nightdress. The autopsy found traces of two sedatives in her blood, neither of which was prescribed for her, although one was given to other residents. Sheila Farrington, another of the deputies at Knowl House, says drugs were kept in an unlocked box and adminis-

been found in a

t was not until January 29, four weeks after Kathleen went missing, that Ms Clayton and Ms Jones told police that on the night in question a former council care worker had visited for an hour before midnight for a chat with them.

tered by untrained staff.

During the early stages of the investigation Ms Caldwell was arrested and later released without charge. A subsequent internal inquiry by Tameside resulted in Ms Caldwell's dismissal for misconduct. The coroner recorded an open verdict, ruling that Kathleen had been killed

by an unknown person. The case is still open, but the police admit that they are running out of leads. Meanwhile, a family is left to live with the mystery of a loved one's death







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This writ should not run over us

Iain Duncan Smith says the

Government should reject the

European Court's fishing decision

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ar too many people have been surprised by last week's European Court of Justice ruling, allowing Spanish fishermen who own vessels in Britain to claim damages against the British Government. They should not have been surprised, because this stems from a previous judgment which overturned a legitimate British Act of Parliament.

Now, using a doctrine that it propounded in 1991, the European Court of Justice has made Britain liable for compensation which could run as high as £30 million. The question for us all should be why the court is able to make such rulings, and what can be done about it.

The European Court of Justice is the real force acting on what has been referred to as the ratchet of European centralisation and the creation of full political union. The court. sitting in secret, sees its role as the interpreter of the European treaties between the inter-governmental conferences.

More importantly, it decides, in the absence of treaty obligations, what the intention of the politicians was when they drafted the treaties. This of course gives it huge licence, through the process of interpretation, to make legislation which national governments must obey. Through the rule of direct applicabi-

lity. these judg-ments have to be enforced by try that the British Governnational courts as though they were national laws, but with the added weight of being supreme above any national

Act of Parliament. It is clear that the power of the European Court of Justice has far-reaching implications for nationally elected governments. The fishing judgment is an excellent example; because it was not based on any treaty wording, but was simply what the judges be-

lieved was implied in a treaty. This process is a further worry, going beyond the genuine concerns about the wording of treaties themselves. This judge-made law enables our domestic courts not only to strike down Acts of Parliament, but to override the nationally elected representatives in the country.

This judgment clearly demonstrates the need for major change in both the structure of the court and the way in which. European law is applied. British citizens using common sense know instinctively something is wrong when Spanish fishermen are able to establish themselves in the British Isles and take up to nearly half the quota of some fish types, so. breaking the quota system and making a complete mockery of

At the heart of this is the much-derided common fisheries policy. This does not deal with the issue of conservation. Rather, it is slowly strangling British fishermen while giving the kiss of life to an oversized Spanish industry, which British taxpayers have helped to

The Government has now decided that it will take this up forcibly at the inter-governmental conference, and seek treaty amendments to change this judgment and reform the common fisheries policy. Yet while they are doing that, our courts will be hearing these cases and awarding compensation in accordance with the ruling of the European Court of Justice. This will cost the British taxpayer millions of pounds in court time and the cost of the awards, and will make a mockery of the Goverroment's clear expressions of opposition to this judgment.

The Government should therefore act now to stop these cases going ahead until it has resolved the matter. It should pass a simple Act of Parliament amending the 1972 European Communities Act to stop the ruling applying in British courts. This could be passed swiftly, without opposition: any who opposed it would have to explain why they care

less for British taxpayers than for the quotahopping Spanish

Once passed, this Act would provide the British Government with obligations, a very strong case at the inter-governmental conference, It would have strengthened its hand with a full expression of the will of the British Parliament. It

would also demon-

ment means business, and would give it a chance to review bad judgments in future.

There will be those who resist such a course of action, because it brings us into conflict with European law and they do not want to rock the boat. Yet in Germany, the Constitutional Court will not permit lower courts to recognise judgments by the European Court of Justice which may be incompatible with the German Basic Law. The Constitutional Court has even ruled that the Bundestag must be consulted before the German Government can join a single currency, because it is a constitutional change. I do not remember hearing a murmur from Brussels that this was wrong. It is only by reaching for things which fainthearts think unachiev-

able that we achieve anything. Now that the Government has decided to take a strong line about this at the intergovernmental conference, it has become a political matter and should be dealt with politically. A swift Act of Parliament is overdue. The British people do not wish to be bound up in the fine arguments which lawyers make or strapped down by the fears of those who worry too much about what others think. They want a British Parliament to denounce an injustice. and not just to talk about it but

to do something. The author is Conservative MP for Chingford.

Woodrow Wyatt tells Europe to acknowledge the Anglo-American contribution to its defence

he "peace dividend" talked of in defence White Papers a few years ago never did exist and never can. Nuclear proliferation will not cease, however many pacts are signed. Biological weapons will be-come more fearful, more easily manufactured and more easily concealed. Once mankind invents a new weapon of destruction it is never given up, unless superseded by one yet more lethal. Mankind is like that.

When Baroness Thatcher has thought long and hard about interlocking problems, she invariably dissects them with precision and offers answers which command attention. This she did strikingly at Fulton. Much of what she said was obvious, but stating the obvious is highly original in a world which finds the truth uncomfortable.

Here we are with near madmen and dictators able to control populations by a combination of repression and perverted nationalism. Doubtless the Chinese masses approve of their Government's attempts to cow Taiwan by displays of military might. Fortunately, although Peking's rulers may raid the small islands close to China, they are too sensible to risk their worldwide trade by invading Taiwan proper. China is developing nuclear weapons fast and will not be restrained. Nor will the North Koreans, whose missiles may soon be menacing China and Russia.

Thatcher's lessons for a perilous future

The International Atomic Energy Agency, through utter inefficiency, has totally failed to halt Saddam Hussein's nuclear weapons programme. Iran either has or is on the verge of having them — and so are Libya and Syria. Military coups in the former Soviet Union could well put nuclear arsenals into recklessly evil hands.

For the West to ignore Lady That-cher's insistence that we must have effective ballistic missile defence would be suicide. At rock bottom, what is "the West"? The United States and Britain are the two countries that can be relied upon to act in concert to thwart an impending disaster in time. To impose a common foreign and defence policy on the EU coun-tries and to merge their armies would be calamitous. Germany, afraid and ashamed of its past, would be loath to agree to decisive action until too late, and France would concur.

The United States is probably

vulnerable to nuclear attacks from unexpected quarters now, and cer-tainly will be before long. The Reagan Administration's claim that effective anti-ballistic missile defences were well on the way to completion was said to have been exaggerated as part of the strategy to convince Moscow that the Soviet economy could not sustain escalating nuclear competition. Nonetheless, the collapse of Soviet communism followed, and democracy began its shaky emergence. But anti-ballistic defences are still vital for the United States, Europe and now Russia, as is the permanent leadership of the United States in Nato. It would be madness to weaken Nato by injecting into it a confused new element of muddled EU command of national armed forces and national defence policies - as the inexperienced Jacques Santer, the European Commission President, wishes. Lady Thatcher is right and timely

in warning that the EU deludes itself if it believes it can stand self-sufficient and alone. She wants Nato enlarged to include Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, and to see it able to operate anywhere in the world as necessary. She does not exclude the possibility of Russia becoming a member of Nato, but at the same time the Eastern European countries now freed from Soviet communism should become members of the EU. within which they could expand their economies free of the punitive tariffs and trade restrictions now imposed by Brussels. The Franco-German axis, oblivious to history, is in practice an obstacle to an enlarged EU, because it would be more difficult, if not impossible, to control from the centre. Their creed is the antithesis of democracy: authoritarian rule by bureaucrats increasingly unresponsive to the wishes of those ruled But history, even the most recent, shows that the obliteration of

national identities, far from promoting willing parmership, fuels intense resentment leading to its disruption. Parliamentary democracy is untidy, difficult to operate and frequently makes mistakes, but, as Sir Winston was wont to remark, the alternative is far worse.

Our partners in Europe should ask themselves which two large nations have the best and longest under-standing of democracy, and be honest enough to give the right answer: Britain and the United States. Right now, the way Brussels behaves, under the thumb of Germany and France, does not feel democratic. Too many decisions which do not engage people's hearts are taken over their heads. Instinctively we know that the attempt to exclude the United States from Europe, to the extent even of restricting the showing of American films and television programmes, is profoundly wrong. It was Marshall Aid which restored much of Europe's economy and gave the Germans the chance to become an economic world leader. The EU will never prosper on a mixture of protectionism and autocratic socialism. Lady Thatcher got it right at Fulton when she urged a "transatlantic free trade area, enlarged to incorporate the Central European countries". Our continental friends seem not to have read, or perhaps understood, Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations.

Her career is his opportunity,

As women become breadwinners,

men will learn to appreciate the

non-financial work they used to do

omorrow night, against a rollicking background of hits from Mary Poppins, another nail will be expertly hammered into the coffin of the working woman's self-esteem. The BBC's Modern Times series offers us a cruel, brilliant little film about the relationships of three working women with their nannies. The women — ambitious, chic and vain - have already been castigated in print as "mothers driven by money". and the phrase "opulent neglect" has been used of their affluent style of delegated parenthood.

It is, of course, just another piece of wasp-on-the-wall TV. The film dwells gloatingly on an extreme, tiny minority of working women who have - as far as their children are concerned lost the plot. The film-makers did not turn over ver

many stones to find them: one subject is in PR, another in fashion PR, the third in fashion. Two are devastatingly Kensington in tone, squealing with fastidious horror at a nanny's having eaten a Mc-

rag-trade executive who boasts of working 85 hours a week and employing two nannies per child, one for weekdays and one for weekends. Despite their vaunted expertise

in PR, all three are so silly that they allowed themselves to be inter viewed about the stress of combining work and motherhood while lying on massage tables, sunbathing in Barbados, enjoying expensive girls' lunches without a child in sight or primping at the mirror. One sits at her dressing-table atomising stuff over her flawless face while delivering a plaintive commentary on the fact that nanny is downstairs reading the paper instead of talking stimulatingly to the child over

breakfast. The nannies despise them: watch out for Glasgow Carrie and the Dettox row. It is all good knockabout fun, and need not detain us further, except that since the nation will be giggling at these women all week it is a good moment to look at some real changes in family life. Did you know that according to the think-tank Demos, and government statistics, 30 per cent of British households al-

ready have a woman as main or sole breadwinner?

Unsupported mothers obviously skew the statistic, but there is evidence that in couples it is no longer uncommon for the woman to earn the more. There are famous examples of this tilt of the seesaw: Cherie Booth earns perhaps three times what Tony Blair would earn as Prime Minister. But the trend goes right down to the household of an unemployed former riveter or miner whose wife has somehow found herself three parttime jobs which add up to nearly as much as he used to earn. Other research shows a slow erosion of men's employment and a steady rise in women's: not just because of equal opportunity policies, but because women, relatively new to the labour market, are flexible and willing to take service jobs. A

man tends to say "I am an executive" or "I am a weider" and sulk for years on the dole nobody wants one. A woman, even a trained one, is more likely to go out and clean a pub. As immigrants have

Donald's breakfast. The third is a traditionally found, the advantage of coming from nowhere is that you seize your opportunities and have no dignity to lose. Today, the cheeky bootblack who founds a business empire is probably a girl.

The most obvious effect of such a trend must be to depress men. They have been depressed enough this past fortnight by doomy TV campaigns about low sperm counts and underachieving boys. The idea that women are starting to out-earn them and wear the economic trousers in the family could be the last straw. As Tony Parsons glumly wrote in this paper last week: "Once, there was a time when men and women knew exactly what was expected of them. Men made money. Women made homes."

His perspective is very short. Men and women in European agricultural societies worked alongside one another and their children for centuries. Moreover, a cursory glance at the current rash of screen Jane Austen should remind us that depending on a rich wife is nothing new. The Willoughbys and Wick-hams who prowled for heiresses were perfectly happy to live off them. So



Over-nannied state? One of the mothers featured in Modern Times

were those fairy-tale heroes who set off with a bundle on a stick and ended up marrying princesses. Is there really much difference between marrying a woman who inherits money. and marrying one who inherits the talent to make it? But because we have had a few

generations in which men went out to work and wives did not, the idea of the high-earning woman (especially a mother) spreads great unease and leads to witch-ducking films such as Modern Times. When a woman like Heather Rabatts, chief executive of Lambeth council, boasts of working so hard that she has not read her son - who is now 13 - a bedtime story since he was 18 months old, we cringe. Indeed, some of this unease is justified: if men go on as they are and women start apeing them and bowing only to Mammon, there will be a whole set of altars left untended. Who

will prop up the community, pass on values to the children, ginger up the schools, weave together networks of friends and support the old and sick? Who will cook real food? Who will confront the returning hunters with the question, "Is what you are doing in business right, and kind, and just?" Who will humanise the world?

Usually when these questions are asked, they lead to the conclusion that women should get back into their pinnies, quick. That is not likely. Some women are not suited for home and community. They are better deployed out in the working jungle. But where women won't do it, somebody must. It is high time that a few of these threatened chaps decided to use their masculine vigour and intelligence to fill the vacuum. If Lady Macheth cries "Unsex me here!" and dashes the baby carelessly from her bosom as she heads for the top,

father, perhaps. I know of one woman who was promoted and began working late and talking of hiring a second nanny to cover evenings and weekends. Her husband promptly resigned his banking job, became a part-time consultant on a quarter of the money, and now works at home with his children under the desk and sits on the PTA committee. Madam was shocked at first, but slowly became grateful.

o, I suspect do countless other women of all classes when they find themselves an essential breadwinner and discover that their partner is man enough to accept some "female" responsibilities. I am always irritated by the perennial female journalist's whinge about men not doing their share in family life. I could point you towards a large number of lowerearning families where men do plenty. If your wife's earnings are indispensable, you do not have to be what Tony Parsons calls "a female impersonator" to see what justice and humanity require of you Women do not have a monopoly on decent feeling.

Indeed, some women are lured by the brash materialism of the day into behaving like the worst men. A couple of years ago in The Guardian, a woman breadwinner wrote that she had grown to despise her husband for being economically unproductive, even though he did a lot at home. She even became irritated with him at dinner parties for expressing political opinions, because "her money" had paid for the newspaper and radio batteries which enabled him to have opinions at all. She was turning into the worst kind of Victorian husband.

Still, as a congenital optimist, I suspect that if this trend for women to be main breadwinners continues it may be the saving of us all. Men are so bracingly arrogant, so free from boring tendencies to self-abasement. If, in the seesaw family, they find themselves at home minding the community, chatting to the children and making a hot meal for the returning wife, they will start to rate these tasks as the proud and worthy things they are. They won't creep around saying "I'm just a housewife", or talking down the "little job" which enables them to be at the school gate. They will reclaim the dignity of a life which puts people above profit. If we breadwinner-girls start getting the stupid idea that money is the only kind of contribution which counts in a family, these heroes will soon set us right. Cheer up, lads. Even if you lose the financial heights, up on the moral high ground there is plenty of space for pioneers.

Up in arms

good who are hoping to slip visual puns on their names or esoteric references to their lives into new coats of arms are to be disappointed. The Garter King of Arms has decided that coats of arms are becoming far too silly.

Jokes like Sir Harry Secombe's motto "Go On, Goon" and Sir Geoffrey Howe's wolf in sheep's clothing look likely to be the last of the line. The new Garter King of Arms, Peter Gywnn-Jones, is out-lawing what he calls "dreadful design", and intends to be very strict with future drawings submitted to him at the College of Arms.

Garter, who took up the post last year, says he has seen some appal-ling heraldry. "I believe in good and simple heraldry," he says. "It is true to say that I lay greater emphasis on this than some of my colleagues or predecessors. I once told a Canadian corporation that its coat of arms would go down as a classic example of appalling heraldry."

He is being stern with clients who request hackneyed images such as lions, stags and birds of prey, but reserves his strongest

words for clients who submit badly arranged or outlandish designs. "Heraldry should never look like a badly arranged shelf on an antiques stand in Portobello market. There are some coats of arms which give me nightmares."

Sir Cliff Richard, who is understood to want a cliff in his coat of arms, could get short shrift.



"You'll never believe this! A Chinese satellite landed on my cheque-book"

■ The secret memo leaked yesterday from Conservative Central Office outlining the scale of the threat posed by Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party doesn't seem to worry the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke. One MP, in a vulnerable marginal seat, was alarmed to overhear the Chancellor saying that Goldsmith's candidates might get only two or three thousand votes in such constituencies. By my calculation that's 50 Tory seats.

New game

THE organisers of the Czech Open are considering an application to compete from one Ivan LendL However, the former world number one tennis player will not be handicapped by his loss of speed around the court. This is a golf

Lendl has earned himself full membership of the South Florida tour in America, and has already played in eight tournaments. He is still finding his form, and has failed to finish among the prizewinners so far. But British pro Peter Alabaster, who partnered him in America, says that legend-ary concentration could take him to the top in the end. "He is a very good player with the potential to be



a great one. I can tell he has got what it takes, but at the moment he tends to make a few silly errors."

Monkey biz

THE QUEEN is to be given an unusual escort on Friday when she opens the Royal Armouries Muse-um in Leeds. She will be led in by 60 Samurai sword-wielding Japanese warrior monks.

The monks, dressed in white robes, will join such luminaries as Robert Hardy, playing Sir Winston Churchill as usual, in the enter-tainment to celebrate the museum's international links. After the ceremony, the Queen will tour the £42.5 million museum, and take tea in the oriental section with the monks
— who were invited because their shrine in Toshogu is the burial

place of Togugawa Ieyasu, who presented James I with two ceremonial suits of armour in 1613. A spokesman for the museum stressed that the monks are part of the international spirit of the mus-

eum. "We have also invited the cu-

rator of the Kremlin museum to the

Sabotage? A RECRUITMENT drive for the

RSPCA is being spearheaded by an unlikely band. The Duchess of Devonshire and Lord Mancroft are leading the hunt by writing to fel-low members of the British Field



Traditionalist Duchess

Sports Society urging them to join the RSPCA immediately. Their plan is to kick out those they deem extremists in the organisation.

In their letter they say they are not attempting infiltration, but want field sport folk to sign up in time for the AGM in June, so that they can vote and "start to play a part in steering the RSPCA more towards its traditional role of caring for animals and away from ani-

The RSPCA senses trouble: They are more than welcome to join us if they wish, but I think it is going to be difficult for them," says a representative. "We have a very strong anti-hunting policy."

Honour roll

NICHOLAS SOAMES, the wicketroller of a minister, has been awarded cricket colours by his prep school 36 years after he left. The Armed Forces Minister was not the most agile pupil with bat or ball while at St Aubyns Prepara-tory School in Rottingdean, Sussex, However, he was presented with the cricket colours tie on his first return visit the other day, in honour of his subsequent achievements in the political field. I was a very enthusiastic but incompetent cricketer," he confesses.

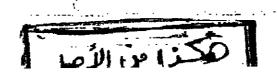


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Soames: umpirical

 Organisers of last night's reception to celebrate Commonwealth Day at Marlborough House, attended by the Queen and the Prince of Wales, took the precaution of printing "1996" prominently on the invitations. In the past, I understand, former High Commis-sioners have tried to use out of date invitations to gain access.
"We do find that the odd uninvited person tries to get in using old invitations," admits the Common-

wealth Secretariat.



On this basis there are many more fundamental steps the Church of England could introduce to improve the quality of its recruits (report, March 8). Questions like "Do you believe in God?" and "Do you believe the

Yours faithfully, R. BEIGHTON,

reading today!

From Mr Peter Dennison

Sir, Notes for prayer meetings are not the only documents in which careful proof-reading can obviate embarrassment (Mr Philip Rayner's letter, March 5).

During my career with an airport operator, my favourite letter, from a respected consultant, simply read: "In my recommendations for protecting the seaward end of the runway, please

'strong sea defences'."

East Sussex. March 6.

THE TIMES

THE IRA'S CORNER

Progress is possible in Ulster, but not with Sinn Fein

A mood of realism, bleaker but better than the naivety of before, seems to mark the Irish peace process. No one can now be in any doubt about the course on which Irish republicans have, always, been set. The IRA's resumption of violence, and its uncompromising rejection last week of the offer of allparty talks prove that republicans are still happier bombing and threatening to bomb than persuading and conceding. The challenge now is to move away from the positions occupied in the past and give Ulster the stability it has been denied too long.

It is painful for those who invested so much in the IRA's good intentions to see their faith bloodily betrayed. Even after three bombs intended to inflict horrific civilian casualties the two Prime Ministers strained to offer Sinn Fein a path to inclusive negotiations. Last Thursday the IRA leadership responded in the republican newspaper An Phoblacht. Styling themselves "revolutionary soldiers" they pronounced that attempts to secure Sinn Fein's support for decommissioning and the principle of democratic consent were "a nonsense" and pledged to continue the armed struggle.

Even the most generous of moderate nationalists could no longer, in reason, discern any justification for talking to a movement driven by twisted dogma and murderous pathology. The Irish Prime Minister, John Bruton, told his Fine Gael party conference at the weekend that the IRA used the ceasefire to train for a resumption of war and commented: "serious engagement in a peace process means that you change your strategy as well as your tactics. ..this did not happen in the republican movement." These are melancholy words. After such knowledge what forgiveness?

But disillusionment should not lead to despair. There is, still, hope. All those who are committed to democracy must prove that they can work together. There are promising signs this week. Last night the Unionist leadership met the Irish Government in

Dublin; today they talk to the Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, and on Friday they are expected at the White House for President Clinton's St Patrick's Day reception. Gerry Adams may still have a visa but the Unionists now have access. They should use it to sell a democratic

An agreement which would be acceptable across communities in Ulster and which deserves the support of London and Dublin cannot be definitively discerned. But certain steps forward should be, unambiguously, agreed. The first is a recognition that Sinn Fein should not slip back into respectability after another IRA tactical ceasefire without proving that republicans are committed to peace. That means decommissioning before further discussions. Politicians should not

temporise in the face of terror. The second is the right of Ulster's people to decide Ulster's future. The all-Ireland referendum championed by John Hume's SDLP chips away at the democratic legitimacy of the Province that both governments have already guaranteed. And, while the UK has forsworn any selfish interest in Ulster, the Irish Republic, unfortunately, maintains a constitutional claim to the Province.

The way forward remains Ulster-wide elections. Championed by unionists and the UK Government, they were initially dismissed by republican apologists as a sectarian head-count which would polarise positions. Instead, they have brought John Hume and Ian Paisley together. An elected body would give Ulster's politicians the forum to find the agreement the majority

committed to peace want. A secure future for Ulster, ratified by its people, and defended by London and Dublin with unsentimental rigour is the most effective way of sending a message to republicans that violence will not work. The IRA has manoeuvred itself into a corner. It should be left there while democrats shape

CLINTON AND TAIWAN

The West must stand firm against the threat from China

There was ugly hypocrisy in the warning given yesterday against American "interference" in matters Taiwanese, by Qian Qichen, China's Foreign Minister. The interference in Taiwan's affairs comes not from Washington, but directly from Peking. On Friday, it took a boorish, dangerous turn: three Chinese ballistic missiles were fired into waters near major Taiwanese ports. Although the exercise was designed to bully, not to kill, it has brought further loss of confidence in China's commitment to

civilised international relations. America has reacted by inadequate word and belated deed to China's missile "tests" off Taiwan. Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, called the Chinese actions "reckless" and "risky", and rumbled that there would be "really grave consequences" if the threats continued; and a couple of American aircraft carriers have moved closer to Taiwan, in a hesitant show of support for the apprehensive island. Yet there has been no

word, so far, from Bill Clinton. The threats of missile attack were made as long ago as the first week of February. Only sabre-toothed presidential criticism, and a "no frills" White House statement of why China's behaviour is beyond the pale, could portray accurately the seriousness of the

situation. Peking's provocation flows from two sources. The first is the presidential elections to be held in Taiwan on March 23; the second is the muscular battle within China itself between the contenders for Deng Xiaoping's mantle. Taiwan's elections should signal the country's emergence as a mature democracy. After years of unsavoury

repression - done in the name of Chiang Kai-shek - Taiwan is now close to being the most democratic place in Asia.

Its citizens, prosperous and well-educated, are rightly alarmed that China's economic reforms have been accompanied only by heightened repression. By their vote, they signal eloquently to China the political conditions on which any future reunification can take place. Neo-democratic Taiwan has announced that without political reform on the mainland, the "two systems" will be

divided by more than just the Taiwan Strait. The second reason for Peking's anger feeds hungrily on the first. Those pushing and shoving to succeed the Mr Deng have found Taiwan a convenient cause in which to display their patriotic credentials. The military is staffed in its upper echelons by tetchy generals, each of whom could pass for a Chinese Zhirinovsky: and President Jiang

Zemin has wooed them with a passion. It would be folly, therefore, to treat lightly their threat to act against "chaos" in Taiwan. Western military strategists point out that in the event of a Chinese invasion. Taiwan would be a fierce adversary. China lacks the capacity to launch a successful amphibious operation against its well-fortified, strongwilled "renegade province". But the political consternation in Peking is at such a pitch and we refer here to the highest levels - that simple military calculations could give way to other, sharper compulsions. This is why the West must raise the volume of its alarm. Peking has to be told now that Taiwan has a right to be left in peace. If it uses force, China will return once more, and firmly, to the status of pariah.

STAY COOL

Radio 1 is right to shun the babyboomers' favourites

When Radio I was born, in 1967, it was not a high fashion success. Nothing much changed for 26 years. Those who wanted to hear bands before they were popular were still forced to turn to pirate stations. Now, at last. Radio 1 has a Controller who understands what the station's remit ought to be: to play tracks from new, innovative groups, to be at the edge of fashion, to set trends and not be bland.

This has upset Beatles fans, who are cross that the band's banal new single. Real Love. is not on the station's playlist despite entering the charts at number four. To mollify them, Radio 1 announced yesterday that it would devote its "Golden Hour" to the band this morning, with the latest single being played at the end. Tellingly, the station's head of production, Trevor Dann, added: "we want our listeners to be able to hear Real Love alongside an hour of the Beatles at their best." Translation: the new track is the Beatles at their worst.

That is why it does not deserve to be on Radio I's playlist. Long gone are the days when the station simply plugged the Top 20 singles, to the annoyance of teenagers who wanted something better to listen to. Trying to find reggae or rhythm and blues or rap or soul on Radio I was almost impossible when today's babyboomers were pop-pickers. Now that the station has changed for the better, the middle-of-the-roaders should not be allowed to impose their tastes on the next generation.

When today's fortysomethings were young, only teenagers listened to pop music. Now millions under 50 do so. Radio 1 cannot, and should not, aim to satisfy them all. There is, to be sure, a gap now in the BBC's national stations between Radios I and 2. But the 25 to 50-year-olds do not need a Radio One-and-a-half. They are well catered for by BBC local stations and the commercial channels dominated by the Rolling Stones, the Beatles and 10cc.

A key justification for public service broadcasting is that it should do what the commercial stations do not do. Radio 1 must of course play Blur, Oasis, Pulp and Supergrass, as these are the most popular bands with its target audience. But it should also be trying to spot the Blurs, Oases, Pulps and Supergrasses of tomorrow. That is why it gives airtime to bands such as Garbage, Northern Uproar, Kenickie and Bis; and why it encouraged groups such as Radiohead and Bluetones to reach the

premier division. If Radio I's audience is shrinking, Matthew Bannister, its Controller, probably has the mix about right. Young Britons want their own taste, not that of their parents. They want music to be judged on its merit not by the fatness of their elders' wallets. David Bowie's new single still deserves to be played (and is played) on Radio I because, it seems, he has an extraordinary capacity to remain cool, whatever the fashion of the day. The Beatles, sadly, do not.

their funds severely reduced.

The effect of this would be that for a

Yours faithfully. ANTHONY JACOBS (Trustee), The Jacobs Charitable Trust. 9 Nottingham Terrace, NWI. March 4.

Shadow of a doubt Changing rules on longer sentences

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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From Ms Helena Kennedy, QC Sir, The Home Secretary's plans to in-

Sir, Whether employees of the smalltroduce mandatory life sentences for repeat rapists are another example of est businesses should be denied access to industrial tribunals (report, March misconceived criminal justice policy. The Lord Chief Justice has rightly said 8) is but an element of a more impor-(reports, March 7, 8) that Michael Howard's plans would cause injustice tant question: should businesses be subject to the same regulations irres-

pective of size?

Big business and the unions will say that they should; the large companies will want universal application of the rules to ensure fair competition and unions will seek the same privi-

over small firms

From Mr William Poeton

leges for all their members.
The only dissenter would be the unemployed person, because his/her chances of obtaining work would be diminished.

The United States' employmentprotection laws are largely similar to those in the UK, covering maternity leave, racial discrimination, minimum overtime payments, etc. the difference is that most of these regulations do not apply to businesses with fewer than 20 employees and annual turnover below \$50,000. Consequently the past twenty years has seen the unemployment level in the US at a constant 6 per cent whilst that in Europe has increased from 4 per cent to 16

per cent.
If governments really are serious about encouraging the small business sector to create employment they must allow it to get started with the minimum constraint.

Yours faithfully, W. G. POETON (President), The Union of Independent

Companies, 17 Gillingham Street, SW1. March 8.

From Mr Edward Norman

Sir, Employees of small firms tend to need more, not less protection from unfair dismissal. All that the current legislation requires of an employer is that he acts reasonably in dealing with employees. This is not a burden: it is part of good business practice.

Dismissal without good cause can blight careers. A hire-at-will and dis-

miss-on-whim workforce will not perform well. As a country we excel in people businesses and they cannot be run successfully on this basis. Fairness, loyalty and hard work are the hallmarks of successful industrial relations and economic success.

Michael Heseltine's proposal to go "back to the Victorian future" is a recipe for failure.

Yours faithfully. EDWARD NORMAN, 8 Lingfield Court, Lingfield Road, Wimbledon, SW19.

So many MPs

From Sir Russell Johnston. MP for Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber (Liberal Democrat)

Sir, Dudley Fishburn's letter (March 8) arguing for fewer MPs at Westminster and citing examples of Australia, the United States and Spain had only one flaw, but it was a glaring one.

At the end of his letter he couldn't resist a partisan stab at "the madness" . "of Labour promises [with which, in this case, Liberal Democrats are associated] to create yet more professional politicians for Scotland and

He should perhaps be reminded that while Australia, the US and Spain all have central legislatures proportionately smaller than ours, they also have federal constitutions and state parliaments with entrenched powers greater than those presently proposed for Scotland and Wales. Apart from his principal contention, with which I agree, Mr Fishburn inadvertently reminds us (and provides examples!) of how comparatively centralised is the UK among the de-

mocracies. Yours sincerely, RUSSELL JOHNSTON, House of Commons. March 8.

Partners in funding

From Sir Anthony Jacobs

Sir, We have received several requests for substantial support for Millennium Fund projects and recognise that similar demands are being placed upon other charities and corporations. Due to the success of the lottery, it would seem that at least £1 billion will be required in matching funds (report, March 4), and this can only be found if many of those good causes which benefit at present have

We do agree with the Millennium Fund's principle of private contributions towards these projects, but El for £l is too much. We would suggest that for projects up to a value of £50 million the private sector contributes 25 per cent and for larger projects that it contributes 50 per cent.

project of £20 million. £5 million would have to be found, for £50 million £12.5 million, for £100 million E37.5 million and for E200 million £87.5 million. This scale of funding is probably affordable if spread over the next three years.

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vent a few crimes by separating a criminal from the community, but nothing else suggests that excessively long sentences, with little or no parole,

ence of offenders and prison think not.

Prolonged incarceration can pre-

will encourage the offender to return as a law-abiding citizen. and would not work. A minister professing concern for The likely prospect is of overcrowdthe victims of crime should consider ed prisons, containing embittered prithat rapists facing automatic life sensoners with diminished opportunities tences will have no incentive to plead for rehabilitation. This would store up guilty. They will contest the most problems for the future and make clear-cut cases, subjecting their vic-tims to further humiliation and trauthem more intractable.

Yours faithfully,

Probation.

March 8.

MARY HONEYBALL

212 Whitechapel Road, El.

From the Rector of Solihull

mission is possible.

Yours faithfully,

PETER HAWKINS,

Solihull, West Midlands.

The Rectory, Church Hill Road,

Sir. The Lord Chief Justice is right to

resist minimum sentences for offend-

ers. Last month I visited Samantha

Slater, who is from Birmingham, in

prison in Kerala, southern India. She

is now 25 and in 1993 was caught in

possession of cannabis. She was given

a sentence of ten years for which no re-

that she is a model prisoner, has

learnt her lesson and been punished

enough and that she ought to be re-

leased to rebuild her life as a useful

citizen, whilst she is young enough.

Her appeals have been rejected be-

cause she was guilty of the offence and

has been given the prescribed punish-

I believe that repentance is possible

even among those who commit

crimes. Our penal system has to make

some allowance for discretion and

compassion as well as for punish-

The authorities in Kerala all agree

General Secretary. Association of Chief Officers of

often than other charges because of the evidential difficulties in securing convictions. In providing an answer to his critics. Mr Howard has cited the frequency of sex offenders getting out of prison and raping again. Thereby, he acknowledges that prison alone does not

ma. As it is, rapes are contested more

The regime of mere containment fails to confront the underlying reasons for male violence. I hope when the Home Secretary comes to face the women of his party they will point out the damage this policy will wreak upon victims of sexual crime who are already so disadvantaged.

Yours truly, HELENA KENNEDY Doughty Street Chambers, 11 Doughty Street, WCl. March 8.

From the General Secretary, Association of Chief Officers of Probation

Sir, The wish to protect the public apparently lies at the heart of the Home Secretary's proposals to give significantly longer, or life, prison sentences to certain offenders. In our view the proposed changes would achieve little and could, in many ways, be counter-

Intentionally or not, the impending White Paper signals a swing to retributive sentencing. It makes sense emotionally and, as most people at one time or other have been victims of

Stalkers and the law

From Mr A. T. Lawson-Cruttenden

Sir, In your leading article of March 5,

would have found him guilty had he contested the charge. The concept of non-physical GBH caused by psychological injury is a completely novel

"Stop the stalker", you refer to the im-prisonment of Anthony Burstow for three years, after he had pleaded guilty to inflicting "psychological grievous bodily harm" against Tracey Sant. Burstow is the first defendant to be convicted of non-physical grievous bodily harm. As the Offences Against the Person Act was passed in 1861, this undoubtedly represents a milestone in

its long history. It has long been established law that it is not necessary to make physical contact with a victim in order to perpetrate an assault: it is enough that the victim is in fear of his/her safety as result of the defendant's actions. However, I consider that there is a virtually unbridgeable chasm between perpetrating a protracted campaign of harassment and intimidation on the one hand and causing such psychological harm as to constitute an offence of causing GBH, which by def-

inition has to manifest itself in "bodily" symptoms. It is clear that harassment and intimidation constitutes assault in law. Burstow pleaded guilty to this offence but it is not clear whether the court concept, and a matter which the courts will have to give very careful consideration to in the future.

Yours etc. TIM LAWSON-CRUTTENDEN. Lawson-Cruttenden & Co (Solicitors and advocates). 17 Red Lion Square, WC1.

From Mr Stephen Lowe

Sir, Your leading article of March 5 asserted that "Common law may be better than new law" for dealing with matters of stalking. I disagree.

This was a case where the defendant was convicted of causing grievous bodily harm to the victim. To bring such a case the victim must have suffered really serious harm to their health. What the police and potential victims need is an effective way of dealing with this type of offender long before such harm is suffered.

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN LOWE, 10 Forest Road, Annesley Woodhouse, Nottingham. March 5.

A fishy business?

From Sir Derek Mitchell

Sir, American signal crayfish "are easy to catch and delicious to eat" (News in brief, March 6, later editions; also "Invasion of the killer crayfish", Weekend, February 24). That these creatures have established themselves in some parts of the country nevertheless constitutes a problem. There are to be regulations banning them where they are not currently found

For consumers this does not sound like a sensible policy. Defiance of

Brussels does not seem to arise. It may jar rather than feed the special relanonship.

The native crayfish which are to be protected do not have votes (though there may be the odd grower in a marginal constituency). Is it then just an example of regulating what cannot be privatised?

I find this puzzling.

Yours faithfully, DEREK MITCHELL (Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 1967-69). 9 Holmbush Road, Putney, SW15.

Cricket debacle

From Councillor A. L. Palfreeman

Sir. Now that the England cricket team have finally been eliminated from the spuriously named World Cup, I trust that Michael Atherton will not become the sacrificial lamb as Lord's begins to find a way out of yet another deep hole into which it has al-

lowed English cricket to plunge. Atherton is the England "Test" captain. Test cricket is played over five days, by players in white using a red ball, rather than over seven or eight hours, by models out of a clothing catalogue whose only concession to the traditional white is the colour of the

If this competition really does find the true world champions then will the next rugby union World Cup take the format of the Hong Kong sevens or the next football World Cup be decided by a five-a-side tournament in my local sports centre?

Business letters, page 29

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be

I very much doubt that that will be the case. Just as I doubt the wisdom of judging a developing Test captain by the team's performance in a competition such as this.

Yours faithfully.
ANDREW L. PALFREEMAN, 3 Brownhill Drive, Birkenshaw, Bradford, West Yorkshire. March 9.

From Mr Ben Whitney

Sir, One of the first things Ray Illingworth did in 1994, on his appointment as chairman of the England selectors. was to sack the chaplain to the team on the grounds that God is for wimps. Before producing the usual excuses, may I humbly suggest that he sear-ches the Book of Deuteronomy for in-

The Lord will bring against you a nation from the ends of the earth, a nation whose language you do not know. They will swoop down on you like an eagle; they will be ruthless and show no mercy (The Good News Bible, xxviii. 49-50).

Time perhaps to look again at the manual?

Yours faithfully, BEN WHITNEY (Lav-Reader. St John the Baptist Church), 47 Manor Farm Crescent, Stafford.

Homosexuals and the Armed Forces crime, politically, too. The test is whether it will work. Those with experi-

From Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach

Sir. Inevitably the Secretary of State for Defence attracts a lot of stick about a lot of things. In fairness, therefore, he deserves to be applauded by all those with a sense of standards for his profoundly wise decision to continue to exclude homosexuals from the Armed Forces (report, March 5; letters, March 7).

No doubt the dismissed quartet (who should never have joined the Services if they did not like their moral standards and are now acting as a front) will now waste the time of the European Court of Human Rights. If, for whatever quirk of political (but hardly moral) correctness, that court were to find in favour of unnatural behaviour, it is to be hoped that no decent British Government would comply with its ruling.

Yours faithfully, HENRY LEACH. Wonston Lea, Wonston, Winchester, Hampshire.

From Colonel T. F. Moncur (retd)

Sir, Our Armed Forces are a modern. professional, all-volunteer organisation, and their efficiency rests on the trust and confidence that their personnel have in each other. They have given the clearest possible response to the current campaign: the advent of overt homosexuality in their midst is un-

Their reactions are founded on soundly practical reasons. Making grand pronouncements about how the military should accept the friction and violence to which Mr Marcus Walker refers in his letter of March 7 is the prerogative of the splendidly non-involved.

During the Second World War we had general mobilisation and anyone who could reasonably be called upon for active service was duly drafted. In the highly unlikely event of this ever recurring the same would probably happen again. In times of national emergency everyone is expected to play his part. In peacetime the Armed Forces are expected to perform their duties in a variety of trying locations. often without clear military terms of reference and in the full view of the media.

In these circumstances the mutual respect, confidence and loyalty our servicemen have in each other is vital if they are to fulfil their mission. They have made it plain how much these will be imperilled if homosexuals are

admitted to their ranks. In the face of any adverse judgment from the European Court of Human Rights I hope that the Government will back our Armed Forces and demonstrate more resolve than they did in the last encounter, which saw several perfectly healthy women receiving large sums of money in compensation for dismissal on grounds of pregnan-cy under terms which they accepted at the outset of their service. This money would have been far better spent on paying rightful pensions to our war

Yours faithfully, TOM MONCUR, The Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, SWI. March 7.

Clergy testing

From Mr Richard Beighton

Sir, Psychometric tests can help an employer to build a fuller picture of job candidates. However, they should be used only once those candidates have proved they meet the most im-

Bible?" would be a good start.

124 Thorkhill Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey. March 8.

From the Reverend Julian Sullivan Sir, If Jesus had used psychometric testing to choose his disciples the Gospels wouldn't make half such good

Yours faithfully, JULIAN SULLIVAN, St Mary's Vicarage, 42 Charlotte Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire. March 8.

Wrong end of the stick

delete 'strong cedar fences' and insert

Yours sincerely. PETER DENNISON, 10 Shirley Drive, St Leonards-on-Sea.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March II: The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh. this afternoon attended the Commonwealth Day Observance Service in Westminster Abbey and was received at the West Gate by the Dean of Westminster (the Very Reverend Michael Mayne) and the Chairman, Joint Commonwealth Societies' Council (Sir Peter Marshall).

The Oueen, accompanied by The Prince of Wales, was present this evening at a Reception given by the Commonwealth Secretary-General (His Excellency Chief Emeka Anyaoku) at Mariborough House. The Duke of Edinburgh. Presi dent, World Wide Fund for Nature WWF International, Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and Patron, Outward Bound Trust, this afternoon left Royal Air Force Northolt for the United States of America, the

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis is

and Bermuda.

Commonwealth of the Bahamas

By Command of The Queen, the Viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport. London, this morning upon the Departure of the Governor-General Designate of New Zealand farewell to them on behalf of Her

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March II: The Princess Royal, President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, this morning visited Willows High School, Willows Avenue, Tremorfa, Cardiff, and after wards launched the Cardiff Safer Cities Project at Cardiff Castle and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamor gan (Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards RNR).

Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this afternoon visited Rhymney Valley Carers Centre, 12 Pontygwindy Road, Caerphilly, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Mid Glamor-gan (Mr Murray McLaggan).

ST JAMES'S PALACE March II: The Prince of Wales and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Colonel John

His Royal Highness this morn-ing opened the Salford Foyer, er Seedley Road, Salford. The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, later attended the Trust's conference Towards the Millennium at the Jarvis

Piccadilly Hotel, Piccadilly Plaza, His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the National Cycling Centre, Clayton, to be briefed on plans for the regeneration of the area, including hosting the Commonwealth Games in the year

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE March II: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, today visited 1st Battalion. Somme Barracks, Catterick, North Yorkshire.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00. The Prince of Wales, as Patron of the English Chamber Orchestra and Music Society, will attend a gala concert at the Barbican Centre at 7.00.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Basic Skills Agency, will attend the Raising Standards of Basic Skills: The Role of Libraries conference at Hotel Russell at 10.30; as Patron of the Association of Com-bined Youth Clubs, will attend a luncheon at Grosvenor House at 12.30; and, as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will at Simpson (Piccadilly) at 7.00.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open Kent Lodge at Broadgreen Hospital, Thomas Drive, Liverpool, at 12.45; will open the new on at Belvedere School for Girls, Princes Park, at 1.55; and will meet volunteers of the North West Cancer Research Fund at the Senate House, Liverpool Univer-

The Duke of Kent will visit the Royal School for Deaf Children Margate, Kent, at 10.30; as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit the Shenherd Neame Brewery, Faversham, at 12.35; and will visit Business Links, Kingshill Business Park, West Malling, at 2.35.

The Duchess of Kent will open Transhouse (Oswestry), Blenheim Close, Oswestry, at II.10; will open the new Magistrates Court, Holbache Road, at 12.05; and will visit Müller Dairy (United Kingdom). Shrewsbury Road, Market

Today's events

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The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00. The Queen's Guard mounts at Buckingham Palace at 11.30.

Dinners

Armed Forces Parliamentary

Sir Neil Thorne, Chairman of the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Speakers' House, by permission of the Speaker. The Hon Nicholas Soames, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, and Dr David Clark, Shadow Secretary of State for Defence, also spoke. Among those present were:

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The Ambassador of Nepal, Earl
Howe, Lord Cocks of Hancilife, Lord
Coinbrook, the Chief of the General
Staff, the Commander-in-Chief, RAF
Strike Command, the Master
General of The Ordnance, the
Assistant Chief of Naval Staff,
the Commandant General Royal
Martnes, the Chief Executive of
British Aerospace and Members of
Parliament.

Cardiff Business Club The President of Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, and the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Timothy Davies, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff last night. The guest speaker was Sir Ron Dearing, Chairman, School Curriculum and Assessment Authority. Sir Alan Cox, ASW Holdings plc, presided.

Guildford High School

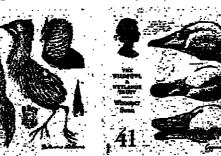
Scholarships and Exhibitions

Scholarships: 7+: Kimberley Pen, GHS; II+: Jessica Owens, South Farnham Junior School: II+ Music: Rebecca Dale, Holy Trinity Middle School; 6th Form: Victoria Boff. GHS, Karen Braganza, GHS. Elizabeth Steynor, GHS; oth Form Major Music Lucy Baker. GHS: 6th Form Music: Justine Bailey, GHS, Elizabeth Dodman, GHS. Clare Finch, GHS. Exhibitions: 6th Form: Katharine Barr, GHS. Sophie Childs. GHS. Rachel Horrocks, GHS, Lucy





Wildfowl get stamp of approval



Four of a set of five special Royal Mail stamps issued today to mark the 50th anniversary of the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, founded by Sir Peter Scott. The paintings and sketches by Charles Tunnicliffe feature the lapwing, white-fronted goose, bittern and the whooper swan. The 19p stamp features a muscovy duckling

Commonwealth Day Observance Service

Church news

Edinburgh were present at the Commonwealth Day Observance Service held yesterday in Westminster Abbey. The Dean of Westminster officiated and the Rev Geoffrey Roper, representing the Federal Council, read the lesson

Professor M. A. Al-Marsafy, of the Islamic Cultural Centre and the London Central Mosque, read from the Quran, Rabbi Hugo Gryn, of the West London Synaoryn, of the west contain syna-gogue, read from the Mishnah Sanhedrin, Mr Inderjit Singh, representing the Network of Sikh Organisations UK, read from the Guru Granth Sahib, Mr Hugh Adamson, representing the Baha's Faith, read from The Hidden Words of Bahá'u'lláh, the Ven Dr. Pandith M. Vajiragnana, Head of

Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Minister of

State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, was the host yes-terday at a luncheon given by Her

Majesty's Government at Lan-caster House in honour of the

Mr Neville Shulman was the

speaker at a luncheon of the Rotary Club of London held yesterday at

the Portman Hotel, Mr Nick Tarsh

Rotary Club of London

Service dinners

last night in Omagh.

Receptions

academic year.

welcome address.

The Royal Irish Regiment

Colonel J.D. Sankey, Regimental Colonel of The Royal Irish Regi-

ment, presided at a Colonel-in-Chief's Dining Club dinner held

RAF Club Dining Society

Lord Archer of Weston-super

Mare was the guest of honour at a

dinner of the Royal Air Force Club Dining Society held last night at the club. Wing Commander W.A.

Beaumont presided and Air Commodore G.J.B. Claridge also

Cheltenham Ladies' College

Mr Peter Viggers, MP, was the host at a reception held yesterday

Guild of Cheltenham Ladies' Coll-

ege. During the reception Dr Jane Morrison presented Miss Enid Castle with an antique brooch to

mark her retirement as principal

of the college at the end of the

China-Britain Trade Group/

Great Britain-China Centre

Sir Peter Cazalet, President of the

CBTG, and Mr Graham Greene

CBE, Chairman of the GBCC,

were the hosts at a reception held at the British Museum on March 6

in honour of Mr Jiang Enzhu, the

new Ambassador of the People's Republic of China. Lord Howe

of Aberavon, PC, QC, gave the

House of Commons for the

Luncheons

HM Government

Hernan Errazuriz

the London Buddhist Vihara, read from the Sutta-Nipata words from The Discourse on Loving-Kindness and the Rev Swami Dayatmananda, of the Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre, read from the Universal Prayers. The Rev Alexander Cairns.

representing the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, introduced the Meditation. Young people from Cam-eroon and Mozambique, at school in the United Kingdom, read The Prayer for Peace. Canon Vincent Berry, representing the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, said a prayer and Chief Emeka Anyaoku. cetary-General of the Commonwealth, read The Oueen's 1996 Commonwealth Day Message. The Boys of the Westminster Abbey Choir, the Melodians Steel

The Queen has been gracious-

ly pleased to appoint the

Venerable Douglas Bartles-

Smith, Archdeacon of South-

wark, the Rev Canon lan

Knox. Director of Ecumenical

Affairs in the diocese of Wake-

field, and the Rev Canon

Marion Mingins, Director of

Ordinands in the diocese of St

Edmundsbury and Ipswich as

Rev Reginald Baldock, Vicar, St

James, Rawthorpe to be Assistant Priest, All Saints', Salterhebble, Halifax (Wakefield).

Rev Christopher Boyle, Rector, SS

Mary and Margaret, Castle Bromwich: to be also an Honorary

Canon of Birmingham Cathedral

Rev Philip Bosher, Team Vicar,

Alderbury Team Ministry (Salis-bury): to be a Royal Army

Rev Paul Brice, formerly Chaplain

to the Imperial College, St Mary's Hospital Medical School and the

Royal College of Art: now Sec-retary for Higher Education/-

Chaplaincy in the General Synod's

Rev Christopher Burke, Assistant

Curate, Nunthorpe to be Vicar,

Rev George Butterworth, Curate,

Saints: to be Team Vicar, Brigh-

ton, the Resurrection (Chichester).

Rev Canon Keith Catchpole, Team

Rector. Chichester Team Ministry

and Rural Dean of Chichester, has

Rev Carole Copland, Assistant Curate. Dunnington: to be Vicar of Ledsham with Fairburn (York).

Rev Canon David Creaser, Vicar,

Weston with Denton: also Priest in

Charge of Leathley, Familey and Fewston with Blubberhouses

Rev Jane Curtis, Curate, St Peter

and St Paul, Oadby: to be Chap-lain to De Montfort University and Team Vicar-designate within the

parish of the Holy Spirit, Leicester.

resigned as Rural Dean.

(Bradford).

South Bank, St John (York).

tham).

Board of Education

Chaplains to Her Majesty.

Appointments

Orchestra, the London Adventist Chorale and Mr Daniel Bates, oboe, also took part. The flags of the Commmonwealth countries were borne in procession to the Sacrarium and the Commonwealth Mace was carried by Mr Gregor Mackinnon. The Prime Minister was repres-

ented by Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs by Mr Jeremy Hanley, MP. the Leader of HM Opposition by Mr Robin Cook, MP, and the Leader of the Lawer of the Liberal Democrats by Mr enzies Campbell, QC, MP. The Lord Mayor of Westminster

and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London attended. The Chief Rabbi was represented by Rabbi Dr Julian Jacobs. Among others present were:

Rev Alistair Cutting, Chaplain to

the Nave and town centre. Ux-

Rev John Davis: to be the Bishop of

Whitby's Adviser on Rural Affairs

for the archdeaconry of Cleveland

Rev Deborah Dewes, Assistant Curate, St Peter's Stockton-on-Tees

(Durham): to be Assistant Curate,

St John the Evangelist, Knowle

Rev John Eldridge, Curate, Brigh-

ton the Resurrection: Curate,

Rev David Farey, Team Vicar,

Kingsthorpe w. St David, North-ampton (Peterborough); to be Rec-

tor, Laughton w. Ripe and Chalvington, and Chaplain to the

Rev Michael Flight, Vicar.

Rev Owen Higgs, Curate, St

Mark, Teddington and St John the Baptist, Hampton Wick: to be

Curate, St Peter, London Docks w.

Rev Peter Hughes, Assistant Curate, Ecclesall, Shelfield: to be

Vicar, Kimberworth, Rotherham

Rev Edward Longman, Rector, Sutton Coldfield Holy Trinity (Birmingham): to be Priest-in-

charge, Cerne Abbas w. Godman-

stone and Minterne Magna

Resignations and retirements

Rev Albert Atkinson, Vicar,

Aysgarth and Bolton-cum-

Redmire and Chaplain of Thorn-

ton Lodge Hospital (Ripon): to

Rev Gordon Bottomley, Vicar,

Camelsdale (Chichester): now

Rev Joyce Clarke, Deanery Youth

Chaplain, Purbeck (Salisbury): resigned February 29.

Rev Charles Clarke, Vicar of Graig

St John, Pontypridd (Llandaff): Vicar within Rectorial Benefice of

Church in Wales

Cyncoed (Monmouth).

(Salisbury).

retire April I.

St John of Wapping (London).

stbury: also Rural Dean of

Bishop of Lewes (Chichester).

Hangleton (Chichester).

Heytesbury (Salisbury).

ridge (London): to be Vicar.
opthorne (Chichester).

High Commissioners and Agent General and their spouses. Mr. Anyaoku, Mrs Hanley, the Speaker o the Zimbabwe House of Assembly, the Permanent Under-Secretary of Stat and Head of the Diplomatic Corps the Deputy Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Political and Mrs Srinivasan, the Deputy Secretary-General of the Commonwealth (Periliponal Mrs Srinivasan, the Deputy Secretary-General of the Commonwealth (Development Cooperation), the Chairman of the Joint Commonwealth Societies Council and Lady Marshall, the Chairman of the Commonwealth Trust and the Royal Commonwealth Society. Mr R W Lilley trepresenting the Chairman of the Royal Over-Seas Leaguel and Mrs Lilley, the Chairman of the Commonwealth Friendship and Mrs Webber, representaves of Commonwealth Friendship and Mrs Webber, representaves of Commonwealth organisations.

wealth organisations.

Archbishop Gregorios of Thyaneira and Great Britain. Mr Natubhal Shah (representing the Jain Faith), Mr R Balai (representing the Jonosastian Faith), Colonel Douglas Davis and Colonel Beverley Davis (Salvation Army) Prebendary Anstern Williams, the Precentor, the Chaplain and Sacriss, Canons, the High Steward, the Cuerts Almsmen and the Chapter Clerk of Westminster Abbey.

University news

Dr S Richmond, Department of Child Dental Health: £138,000 for one year swarded from the EU via ACTA in Amsterdam. Dr R Dormer and Dr M McPherson.

Department of Medical Blo-chemistry: E85,381 from The Cystic Fibrosis Trust for three-year study into role of CFTR in regulated mucin and serous protein secretion from human submucosal gland cells.

Dr M C O'Donovan and Professor M J Owen. Department of Psychological Medicine: L38.272 from Medical Research Council for one-year study into definition of the contribution of expanded tri-nucleotide repeates to patho-genesis of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

Dr M Burr. Centre for Applied Public Health Medicine: 145,000 from NHS R&D (Wales) for two years in support of studies into pulmonary rehabilitation.

Dulwich College

Mr Graham G Able, Headmaster of Hampton School, has been appointed Master of Dulwich Coll-ege from January I, 1997. Mr C W Field will remain Acting Master in

University of Wales College of Medicine

Grants for research

Dr E T Treasure, Department of Child Dental Health: £48.488 from Health Promotion Wales for sta months in support of development of oral health strategy for Wales.

Dr J Martin. Department of Medicine (Nephrology): 664,998 from National Kidney Research Fund for three-year investigation into role of matrix proteins in the regulation of metallo proteinse secretion by glomerular cells.

Professor M Owen and Dr G Kirov, Department of Psychological Medicine: £154,575 from The Welicome Trust for three years to support Dr G Kirov for his associated studies in manic depressive illness.

Dr K S Neal and Professor P C
Elwood, Centre for Applied Public
Health Medicine: £30,451 from
Welsh Scheme for Development of
Health and Social Research for Health and Social Research for 30 months in support of a randomised controlled trial of low-dose aspirin in the reduction of cognitive decline in older men in the Caerphiliy Cohort/Cardiff Aspirin IV.

Dr J Layzell. Dr M Evans, Dr M Burr and Dr J Williamson. Centre for Applied Public Health Medicine £48.526 from Welsh Scheme for Development of Health and Social Research for two years in support of the effects of housing renovation on Health: The Riverside Project.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr H. Channon and Miss H. Towill The engagement is announced between Henry, son of the Right Hon Paul Channon, MP, and Mrs Channon, and Henrietta, daughter of the late Mr David Towill and of Mrs Arthur Boyd-Rochfort.

Mr P.A. Davies and Miss A.L. West The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Maurice Davies, of Ashford, Middlesex, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs Valentine West. of Abberton, Essex.

Mr R.G. De Bruin and Miss Z.G. Harber The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs S. De Bruin, of Sydenham, London, and Zoe,

youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Harber, of Orpington, Kent. Mr D.J.A. Farquharson and Miss N.M. Every-Brown The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of the

late Mr John Farquharson. Hampden, Jamaica, and of Mrs Lena Lloyd, of Edgbaston, and Nikki, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Every-Brown, of Headcorn, Kent. The marriage will take place this summer in Jamaica. Mr C.D. John

and Miss E.A. Armstrong The engagement is announced between Ceri, son of Mr and Mrs David John, of Chelsea, London, and Elissa, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Armstrong, of Forest Row, East Sussex. Mr R.M. Lec

and Miss S.M. Hodgson The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Major Richard Lee, of Dover, Kent, and Mrs Susan Lee, of Wimbledon. and Sharon, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hodgson, of Brom-

and Miss F.M. Buck The engagement is announced between Benjamin, younger son of the late Mr T.E.P. Thornycroft and of Mrs T.E.P. Thornycroft, and Frances, only daughter of Dr and

Mrs A.C. Buck. Mr C.B.G. Watson

and Miss J.A. Burns The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Mr and Mrs Fergus Waison. of Faversham, Kent, and Julie, younger daughter of Mrs José Burns, of ignton, Devon.

Mr J. Watson Ley and Miss M.A. Molnar

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mrs Josephine Ley and the late Mr James Watson Ley, of Hartley, Kent, and Marjorie Ann. only daughter of Mr and Mrs Joseph Molnar, of Santa Barbara, California.

Mr E.C.W. Wharton and Miss V.K. Alexander The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Wharton. of Stokesby, Norfolk, and Kate, younger daughter of Mr Malcolm Alexander, of Brandiston, Norfolk and Mrs Michael Maydon, of Ashmanhaugh, Norfolk.

Mr S. Wichary and Miss G. East

The engagement is announced between Steven, son of Mr and Mrs John Wichary, of Kelso, Scotland, and Gabrielle, daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew East, o Sherfield English. Hampshire.

Paviors' Company

The following have been installed for the ensuing year: Master, Mr John Luff: Upper Warden. Mr J.W.A. Chussion; Renter Warden. Mr J.H. Leiflott.

Birthdays today

BIRTHS: John Aubrey, antiquary, Sir Antony Acland, diplomat, 66; Dr Giovanni Agnelli, chairman. Fiat Group, 75: Mr Rudolph Agnew, chairman, Lasmo, 62; Mr Edward Albee, dramatist, 68; Mr R.E. Alley, artist, 70; Mrs Virginia Bottomley, MP, 48; Mr Norbert Brainin, concert violinist, 73; Sir Geoffrey de Bellaigue, Surveyor Emeritus of The Queen's Works of Art, 65; Mr Willie Duggan, rugby player, 46; Mr John Gross, writer, 61; Mr Peter Gwynn-Jones, Garter Principal King of Arms, 56; Mr Norman Hogg, MP, 58; Mr Philip Jones, former Principal, Trinity College of Music, 68; Mr Anish Kapoor, artist and sculptor, 42; Mr A.D. Loehnis, banker, 60; Mr David Mellor, QC, MP, 47; Miss Liza Minnelli, actress and singer, 50; Mr David Mlinaric, interior designer. 57: the Hon Roland Moyle, former MP, 68; Sir Tom Normanton, former MP, 79; Mr Patrick Procktor, painter, 60; Mr Rod Richards, MP, 49; Mr James Taylor, singer, 48; Viscount Trenchard, 45: Mr Julian Treuherz Keeper of Galleries for the National Museums and Galleries on Mersevside, 49: Miss Elizabeth Vaughan, soprano, 59; Lord Wal-

Ji Way.

Latest wills Mr Arthur Ernest Mullord, of

Withers, actress, 79.

Islington, London, N5 - Arthur Mullard, the actor - left estate valued at £255.626 net. He left E5,000 each to his son and daughter, and the residue to the National Children's Home.

golfer, 33; Mr David O. Williams,

trade unionist, 70; Mr David Wilmot, Chief Constable, Greater

Manchester, 53; Miss Googie

Mr Gavin Buchanan Ewart, of London, SW15, the poet, chairman of the Poetry Society 1978-79, left estate valued at £63,967 net.

Anniversaries

Easton Pierse, Wiltshire, 1626; Sir Richard Steele, essayist, Dublin. baptised this day 1672; George Berkeley, Bishop of Clovne, Dysert Castle, Kilkenny, 1685; Thomas Arne, composer of Rule Britannia. London, 1710: Lady Hester Stanhope, traveller and eccentric. Chevening, Kent, 1770: William Buckland, geologist and clergy-man, Tiverton, 1784; John Frederic Daniell, chemist, London, 1790: Gustav Kirchoff, chemist, Kaliningrad, Russia, 1824; Sir William Perkin, inventor of artifical dye. London, 1838: Gabriele D'Annunzio, poet, dramatist and nationalist. Pescara, Italy, 1863; W.H.R. Rivers, anthropologist, Luton. near Chatham, 1864; Kemal Ataturk, 1st President of Turkey 1923-38. Salonika 1881- Vaslav Nijinsky ballet dancer and choreographer. I Kiev, 1890; Jack Kerouac, Lowell, Massachuseus, 1922.

DEATHS: St Gregory, Pope 590-604. Rome. 604: Alessandro Magnasco, painter, Genoa, 1749; Hilaire, Comte de Chardonnet. pioneer of rayon, Paris, 1924; Sun Yat-Sen, President of the Republic of China 1911-12, Peking, 1925: Ivar Kreuger, financier, the "Match King", committed suicide, Paris, 1932; Sir William Henry Bragg, physicist, Nobel laureate 1915, London, 1942; Arme Frank, diarist, Belsen concentration camp, 1945; Heinrich Mann, novelist, California. 1950.

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DOYLE - On 8th March 1996. to Sophie (Mée Wale) and Charife, a son. Thomas David Hastings.

HEWITT - On March 5th at

The Portland Hospital, to
Sophie (nee Ringrose) and
Peter, a beautiful daughter,
Esse Rose, a sister for Molly

Rose. HOPKINS – On March 6th, to HOPKINS - On February 11th 1996, to Cécile and Richard, a beautiful daughter Joséphine Eugènie Darcey. HUGHES - On March 7th at Chris and Beist, two rus twin boys, brothers

iSARI - Datauke on March Sin at The Portland Hospital, to Fumilie order and Masaru Isari.

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POPE - On March 11th 1996, to Tine and Jeff, a son, Milo James, a brother for George. HERVAL - On March 9th 1996, to Rachel (née Rosa)

APPLETON - Gites James
Careth. Died on 5th March.
1996 in a motorbike accident
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late Group Captain James
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ASTON - Mollie. wife of the
late Benjamin Aston, dearly
loved mother of Richard and
Sarah died after short liness
aged 83. on Friday 8th
March. Funeral Service at St.
Nicholas Church. Newbury
at 11 am Thursday 14th
March. Family Enwers only
please. Donations if desired
to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

BIRD - On 9th March pacefully at Hanther House Nursing Home, Sath, Donald F.H. (Dickle) Bird, D.P.C. (Wg. Côr. R.A.F. ref'd) aged 79, dear husband of the late Alice, father of Vivian and brother of Moyra. Pinneral Service on Friday, 15th March at 2 pm at Haycombe Cremalorium, Bath, Any flowers (Natural sprays) or donation if preferred for Bath Cancer Research donation in preferred to: Bath Cancer Research (R.U.H.) to G. Mannings and Sons Ltd., Oxford House, North Road, Combe Down, Bath BA2 5HW.

BIBNS-SMITH - Jennifer Amy on March 8th 1996 in Denbigh infirmary aged 29 years, beloved daughter of Angels and Malcolm and sister of Christopher. Service and committal at Colwyn Bay Crematorium Thursday 14th March 1996 at 3.50pm. Family flowers only please. If wished donations may be made to Headway c/o E. Emrys Morris & Son, 14 Dundonald Avenue. Abergele, tel: (01745) 826232 to whom all enquiries may be made. The family wishes to express its profound gratitude for the sidlied and compessionate care of all nursing, medical and support staff.

BREWER - Nora Minnie aged 84, beloved sister of Olive, on Thursday March 7th 1996 very peacefully at her home after a long times. Functal Service at St Mary's Church by Putiney Bridge. Thursday March 14th at 2.30 pm. followed by cramation at Putiney Vate. No flowers piesse. Donations. If desired. c/o Ashion Marthiss. 221 Upper Richmond Road. Putiney. SWI 65Q for John Grooms Association for

BURGESS - Wildred Samuel
OBE aged 87 on March 9th
In hospital in New York,
Beloved father of Hilary,
Meriel and Richard, Late of
Standard Chartered Bank,
Service Caristchurch, Short
Hills, N.J. 13th April,
Domations Harnhall Centre,
Cirencester, Glos.

COLLINS - On 8th March 1996 peacefully at Greengates Nursing Home. Oxford. C.Y.M. (Beau) Collins aged 85 years. A dearly loved Mother. The funeral service will take place at \$\$ Andrews Church. Linton Road. Oxford on Friday 15th March at 1.50pm followed by cremation at Oxford Crematorium. Family flowers only please but if desired donations for Oxfam may be sent to Revots & Pzin. 288. Abington Road, Oxford. OX1 4TE.

COLLINGS - Francis d'Auvergne, aged 66 years, of St Peber Port, Guernsey, died peacefully on 4th March 1996, while on holiday in Cyprus. COLTMAN - Rey on 5th

March peacefully at The Kings Oak Hospital Enfield, aged 87. Funeral Service at New Southgate aged 87. Funeral Service at New Southgate Crematorium, Lendon, N11, at 2 pm on Monday 18th March. Donations to National Trust or The Royal National Lifebook Association c/o Warriner & Sons, 32 Church Hill, Loughton, Essex 1010 11A.

DAVENPORT - Ormus Colin of Chelwood Cate, peacefully on 8th March aged 76. Wonderful husband of Margaret Latiner of Peter and Rebecca and "Gin-Gin" to his 5 grandchildren. Private funeral. Thanksgiving Service on 21st March 11.30am at All Saints. Danehill. East Sussex. Dunations, if desired, to St Catherine's Hospice. FOWLES - Alec J. died

peacefully on Sanday 10th March at his home in Bermuda. No flowers. Donations to a charity of your choice. HARRIS - Jack aged 94. formerly Second Master at St Dunstan's College. Cartord. Peacefully at Seaford Head

Pencetuly at Senford Head Retirement Home, on March 6th. Private cramation.

HEADLAM — William (811) peacefully on 8th March at Chellenham aged 97 years. Husband of the inte Dorothy, survived by his son. Arthur and his wife. Joyce and fear grandchildren. Funeral Service at Chellenham Crematurium on Friday 18th March at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations in flowers only. Donations in tieu. If desired, for The KEPRIE - Douglas, passed away peacefully on 7th March at Caterham. All sumuries to the Co-operative Funeral Service. 100 Brighton Road, Puriey. Tel: (0181) 660-7622.

DEATHS HUGHES-JONES - Dr. of Music and Composer, of London, ECI. On 8th March 1996 in St. Bertholomew's Hospital, London, Lilfon aged 78 years. Funeral Service to be held at Sutton Coldfield Cromatorium on Tuesday 19th March 1996 at 2.30 pm. No flowers by recuest. All enquiries c/o F M & J Well, Fitneral Directors, 28 Bird Street, Lichfield, Staffs, Tel. (01643) 265138.

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SERTESZ - Florence Elsie on 7th March 1996 aged 82 years, wife of the late Julius Kertesz, Barrister at Law, Funeral Service at Salisbary Cramatorium on Friday 15th March 1996 at 1.40 pm. Donations for the Sritish Red Cross and Help the Aged may be sent c/o B. Wallis, 1 Hillbury Road. Alderhoit, Fordingbridge, Hanb. 8P6 380, bt. (01420) 656445.

LEB - (Edward) Arnold, March
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86th year. Peacefully after a
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of John, Youngest and only
surviving child of Hubert and
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DEATHS Molean - Margaret (Peggy)
Anne on 8th March at Bisingowrie Octings Hospital, widow of Lt. Col. John Annand McLean (Macie). Funeral Service at Kilry Parish Church on Friday 16th March at 1.30 pm. thereafter at Parth Cremsterium at 2.15 pm. Further information if required from Ferguson Funeral Directora, Alyth. tat. (01828) 632427.

MIMEPHD — Margery (née Rayne) died en 10th March 1996 at home with family and triends. Daughter of the late Harry and Ethel Rayne and aister of Robert and the late Wilfred and John. Funeral at Oxford Cremstorium on Friday 18th March at 1 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Oxfam.

PETRE - Bernard. On March 8th 1996 in Jersey Hospital. dearly loved husband of Jean once Manzies) and Salter of Mark. Cynthin and Frances. Fuseral private. No flowers please, but donations in New may be sent to The National Trust for Jersey c/o Mr R Dobin. The Elms. 24 Mary. Jersey. All cognifies please to H.W. Mallard & Son Ltd.. Fuseral Directors. Tel: 01834 37291.

Kenneth Haroid, aged 80, suddenly on 9th March. Cremation at Exeter Crematorium on 15th March at 3 pm. No flowers. Donations to C.O.S.H., 40/41 Queen's Square, London WCIN 3AJ.

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SHAND - Murray Walcott aged 76 peacefully on March 10m, widower of Henrista, much loved brother to Jame and uncle to Adam. Funeral Service at Salisbury Compatorium 18th March at 1 pm. Donaltons if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund c/o Hichard T. Adlem Funeral Director, Handley, Salisbury, Wilhs.

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STAPLETON - Frederick John, at Goldsborough Nursing Home, Enfeld, on Murch 6th, Beloved husband of Peggy, loving father of Nigel and daughter-in-law Johanna, much loyed grandfather of Henry and Elizabeth. Cremation at Enfield Crematorium at 10.18 am on Friday, March 18th. Family flowers only, Donations, If dealred, to Guide Dogs for the Bliod. Enfield Branch. 24 Waverley Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

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WARREN - Toth, The Rev Dr.
T.E. R.A.F. (retired), died
pencefully at his home in
Stonshome, Gloucestershire
on Monday March 11th,
Beloved husband of Peg and
father of Sean, Tim and
Jorensy. The fumeral service
will be held at Groucester
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March 18th at 4 pm. No
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MEMORIAL SERVICES woman's — George Sain, 10a Duby of Alholl. A Memoria Survice for the late Duke o Atholi will be held on Friday 12th April 1996 at 3 pm a Dunkeld Cathedral.

Gill Dales Hudson Passed away on 8th December 1995. A. Service of Thanksgiving will be held on Wednesday 20th March 1996 at 12 poon at St Lake's Church, Sydney Street, London SW3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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GROUP CAPTAIN CLIVE STANBURY

Group Captain Clive Stanbury. CBE, DSO, DFC, AFC, wartime bomber and Special Operations Executive pilot, died on March 1 aged 80. He was born on December 23, 1915,

AN OUTSTANDING bomber pilot during the campaign against the Axis in North Africa. Clive Stanbury also flew a number of missions for the Special Operations Executive (SOE), dropping into hastily improvised air-strips to liaise with the Maquis in the South of France, often in circumstances of great peril. He also performed similar services in support of guerrilla movements fighting the Germans in Yugoslavia and Greece.
In the jet age which followed the

war, he was equally at home. At the controls of the English Electric Canberra bomber Aries IV on March 1, 1954, he made a pioneering jet flight over the magnetic North Pole. This provided data, which was valuable to subsequent airline operations, on high latitude navigational techniques. Later, in the same aircraft, he flew the 3,300 miles home from Montreal nonstop, arriving at his base at Manby. Lincolnshire, with only ten minutes'

Clive Stanley George Stanbury was the only son of a senior accountant with the Great Western Railway. He was educated at Wellington School, Somerset. He had always wanted to fly, but this wish was opposed by his mother who would not give her consent for him to join the Royal Air Force. Instead, he qualified as an engineer with the GWR in 1938.

But gathering war clouds and the sudden desperate need for more pilots to man a rapidly expanding Air Force changed the situation and enabled him to fulfil his life's ambition to fly. Joining the RAF, he showed a natural aptitude as a pilot, going solo after only 212 hours' instruction. The engineering skills he had acquired on the railways were put to good use, and in the following years of air operations he always personally checked his aircraft before each take-off. Qualifying as a pilot at Gatwick, he was commissioned in March 1939 and posted to No 70 Squadron in the Middle East.

In the North African theatre he was awarded the DSO and the DFC for the part he played in leading numerous sorties against the Axis armies in the desert. On one occasion when a Wellington bomber of his squadron had come down and belly-landed



behind enemy lines in the Western Desert, he determined to try to recover it. With a volunteer crew he drove through German positions in a captured German lorry carrying fresh undercarriage equipment. He and his crew reached the damaged plane, repaired it and flew it off more or less

under the noses of the enemy.

Later he volunteered for cloak-anddagger work and was given command of 624 Squadron (Special Operations Executive). Operating from a secret base in North Africa, he flew in arms and supplies for the Maquis in the

behind enemy lines. He was in the process of converting to fly US aircraft for the RAF support of America in the Pacific when the war ended.

After attending the Joint Services
Staff College, he was posted to the
Parachute Training School at Upper Heyford as chief instructor. Then, after a posting to Transport Command, he took part in the 1948 Berlin Airlift and later saw active service in Korea.

In 1953 he was an instructor at the RAF Flying College at Manby, and in 1954 was selected as captain of Aries IV, a Canberra bomber, for the first navigation proving flight by an RAF jet aircraft over the magnetic North Pole. This was to test the suitability of high latitude navigational techniques at the high speeds and altitudes expected to be flown by jet passenger services on the "over the top" route between North America and Europe.

For this flight the normally gleaming silver Aries IV was given blood red paint markings in profusion so that the aircraft might be easier to spot if it was forced to come down in the icy polar wastes. In the event no such disaster occurred; Aries IV accomplished her mission, flying the 1,000 miles from Churchill, on Hudson Bay, to the magnetic Pole and back without incident. But much useful high-speed navigational data was gathered en

For this Stanbury was awarded the Air Force Cross. Poignantly, his death was on the 42nd anniversary of the actual flight over the Pole.

After a tour in Singapore, where he was chairman of Combined Services Rugby (he had played rugby for Wasps before and after the war), and one at the Air Ministry, in 1960 he took command of RAF Laarbruch in Germany. He was appointed CBE in

1962 and ADC to the Queen in 1963. He retired from the RAF in 1966 to Devon, where he pursued local business interests. He was a modest man who rarely spoke of his wartime adventures and many of those who came into contact with him were often totally unaware of his bravery. He maintained his connections with the RAF right through to his death. He was president of the local RAFA branch and also worked tirelessly for the RAF Benevolent Fund.

He was married in Cairo in 1943 to Rebecca Ransome, a nursing officer in the Queen Alexandra Imperial Nurs-

She predeceased him in 1994. He leaves one daughter.

PROFESSOR ARTHUR **BEATTIE**

Arthur Beattie, Professor of Greek at Edinburgh University, 1951-81, died ол February 20 aged 81. He was born on June 28, 1914.

العكذات الاجل

ARTHUR BEATTIE enjoyed talents which are not often found combined. He was a brilliant Greek scholar with a scientific bent and his administrative gifts almost brought him the principalship of Edin-burgh University. He was on the orthodox - and wrong side of the Linear B controversy, over the decipherment of Cretan script. His personality was outwardly dry and elusive but his friends found him loval and clubbable. Their affection was conveyed in his nickname, "Linear Beattie".

Arthur James Beattie was born in Belize, the son of a mahogany buyer who came home to enlist in the Army for the First World War. Beame was educated at Montrose Academy and Aberdeen University. He graduated with first-class honours in 1935 and then went to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. Part of the Classical Tripos was an option in modern Greek, and he thus was able to roam the ancient sites of the classical

Hellenic world. When war broke out he joined the Royal Artillery but was soon recruited by the Intelligence Corps. He attained the rank of major and was mentioned in dispatches. His scientific interests - he had briefly been a demonstrator in zoology after graduating from Aberdeen — helped him accurately to assess the formidable strength of the Atlantic Wall built by the Germans to cover the French coast. It was very largely thanks to his analysis of its composition that the section covering the Normandy beaches was able to be so effectively and severely damaged by Allied bombing raids in the period prior to the D-Day landings. At the end of hostilities

Beattie was put in charge of the de-Nazification of Gottingen University. There he befriended the physicist Max Planck. Göttingen was the first West German university to reopen and its Senate presented Beattie with an inscribed volume acknowledg-

ing his skill and sensitivity. He returned to Sidney Sussex as a lecturer, and in 1951 accepted the chair of Greek at Edinburgh. He fought sturdily against the decline of the work that was eventually pubclassics, and introduced the lished, in 1953, in the Journal

translation. He also designed accelerated honours courses for those who had not studied

Greek at school.
The chair of Greek at Cambridge did not come his way, as he had hoped. That ranked as a disappointment, with his narrow failure to be appointed Principal of Edinburgh in 1964. He had shown considerable administrative abilities as Dean of the Faculty of Arts. 1963-65, and was the preferred choice of the outgoing Principal, Sir Edward Appleton. However the University Court chose Michael (later Lord) Swann, then Dean of the Faculty of Science and later chairman of the BBC governors.

By this time the Linear B controversy was ten years old. The decipherment of the script, dating from the period from about 1450 BC when the Mycenaeans took over the Cretan palace settlements and dominated the Aegean area. had been published jointly by Michael Ventris and John Chadwick, who had attended Beattie's lectures at Cambridge.

Beattie was hostile to the decipherment from the start. He refused an invitation from Chadwick to take part in the study of Greek literature in of Hellenic Studies, rejecting

its conclusions on the orthodox grounds that the Mycenaeans were not Greeks and had been "adopted" as ancestors by later Greeks engaged in the invention of a

mythology. Beattie published his doubts in the same journal; by unfor-tunate coincidence Ventris, an amateur classicist, was killed in a car accident at about that time - though the idea that this led to ill-feeling between his following and the orthodoxy of Beattie is discounted. Beattie persisted with his scepticism to the end, though earning his nickname from the fluent ease with which he could read the script. The decipherment is now generally (though not universally) accepted and scholars base on it a range of assumptions about the classical world.

For the last 30 years of his life Beattie lived in the New Club, Edinburgh. His main hobby was bird-watching, but he was often to be seen in the Scottish Arts Club, where he was a convivial companion. He was chairman of Morrison's Academy, Crieff, from 1962 to 1975, and governor of Sedbergh School, 1967-78. In 1965 he was made a Commander of the Royal Order of the Phoenix for his services to

Greece. He remained a bachelor.

THOMAS WATSON

Thomas Watson. CMG, MBE, Minister of Natural Resources, Uganda, 1955-56, died or February 16 aged 89. He was born on May 27. 1906.

TOM WATSON had a distinguished career in the Colonial Civil Service and was influential in the agricultural and economic development of Uganda in the decade after the Second World War. Widely respected for his expertise and judgment, he also served after retirement on a number of commissions of inquiry into different aspects of overseas economic development.

Thomas Yirrell Watson was born in Bedfordshire. He came from a farming family whose success in breeding and rearing pedigree cattle was recognised both in this country and abroad. His father

William Watson had been appointed at a relatively young age to manage Leopold de Rothschild's Ascott herd near Leighton Buzzard. When Watson was about ten years old, his father moved to Scotland as manager of the Edcote Shorthorn Company's farms in the Old Meldrum area. north of Aberdeen, and it was there that he completed his schooling at Aberdeen Grammar School. From there he

sciences at Aberdeen University. After graduating at Aberdeen, he spent a year at Cambridge University studying tropical agriculture and then two years at Pretoria University as Colonial Agricultural Scholar. After a brief period in India investigating livestock production, he joined the Overseas Civil Service in 1931, serving in Kenya first as

went on to study agricultural

Agricultural Officer and later as Deputy Director of

Agriculture. In 1948 he moved to Uganda where he was appointed Director of Agriculture in 1951 and subsequently Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, 1954-55, and Minister of Natural Resources, 1955-56 He was also a member of both the Executive and Legislative

Councils from 1951 to 1956. During his tenure of these offices he contributed significantly to the economic development of Uganda in the years leading up to independence. In recognition of his achievements he was appointed CMG in 1953. He had previously been appointed MBE in 1943 for his work in Kenya during the war years. He retired from the Overseas Civil Service in 1956 and settled in Bournemouth.

before and maintained an active interest in tropical agriculture. He served on a number of commissions of inquiry in overseas territories on agricultural and economic development, including those into land and population probiems, Fiji, 1959-60; economic development, Zanzibar, 1960; and the cotton ginning industry, Uganda, 1962. A measure of the seriousness and dedication with which he undertook these duties can be judged from the fact that he surprised the local officials and other members of the Fiji commission by arriving two or three weeks early and walking from one end of the island to the other. During the course of this survey, and much to the amazement of everyone, he found coffee growing on top of the hills. How it got there is a Watson was as busy in matter of some speculation as

retirement as he had been

South of France. He also co-operated

with Tito's Partisans in Yugoslavia and

with the resistance movement in

Greece. In February 1945 the Armée de

l'Air, in the name of the Government of

the new French Republic, awarded

him the Croix de Guerre for "une

remarquable contribution à la libéra-

Stanbury toured the United States to

give lectures to American pilots on

bombing strategy and talks to Ameri-

can Legion audiences about his covert

missions in support of guerrillas

Towards the end of the war

tion de la France".



no one had any recollection of it being cultivated on the island.

As well as serving on these commissions, Watson was also an active member of his local community, becoming in time both chairman of the local Conservative Association in Bournemouth and secretary of the parochial church council, All Saints, Southbourne. It is, however, for his love of

gardening that he will be especially remembered by those who knew him. Throughout his life he maintained a devoted interest in gardening and right up until last summer was continuing to experiment with new varieties of seeds.

Tom Watson's first wife Margaret died in 1978. He stayed on in Bournemouth for a few years before marrying again and moving to Scotland, where he remained until his death. He is survived by his second wife Kay, and by a daughter from his first marriage.

VERGÍLIO FERREIRA Vergilio Ferreira, Portuguese novelist and critic, died in Sintra on March I aged 80. He was Way from the Road.) born in Melo on January 28, 1916.

AT THE time Vergilio Ferreira came to maturity the situation in Portuguese letters was an extremely gloomy one. When he was only 18, Portugal's greatest poet since Ca-mões, Fernando Pessoa, was Government patronisingly awarded a consolation prize for his Mensagem (Message). Protest against Salazar's Fascist-style Government — not to be overthrown until 1974, after Caetano had taken over the position of dictator - went under the name of Neo-Realism. But culture was very tightly controlled, and non-

At his mother's wish, Ferreira attended a seminary in order to study for the priesthood. But he soon abandoned this, and acquired instead a degree in Classics from the University of Coimbra. By

1944 he was a schoolmaster

conformity was punished with

prison sentences. Many of the

best writers were in exile: they

had been over-encouraged by

the success of democracies

with a couple of novels to his credit, including O Caminho Fica Longe (1943, It's a Long

His first mature novel, Vagão (Boxcar J), was published in 1946. This work which attracted considerable attention for the clarity and thrust of its writing — was in the social-realist mode then prevailing among writers dissatisfied with the Salazar

Ferreira did not change his political ideas, but he did, interestingly, diverge from the general line being taken by his contemporaries. With Mudança (1949, Change). He be-came Portugal's leading existentialist novelist. Justly regarded as a major work, Mudança is unlucky not to have yet found an English translator. In certain respects this complex and experimen-tal book anticipated, by 13 years, the similar breakthrough in Spain, with Luis Martin-Santos's Tiempo de silencio (1962, tr. Time of Silence, 1965).

In both cases, protest against tyrannical regimes remains a basic assumption, yet is firmly subordinated to art. and never becomes mere propaganda. Like Martin-Santos, Ferreira's real strength lies in his subtle characterisation in his psychological

understanding.
In some of the successors to Mudança, Ferreira perhaps went too far, losing most of his readers in the process. Nitido Nulo (1971, Neat Null) is a case in point. Full of brilliant passages and insight though it is, it is nevertheless impenetrable. However, the temptation to withdraw into unintelligibility in such a hostile cultural atmosphere was almost irresistible. Estrela Polar (1962, North Star), for some the high point in Ferreira's output, conveyed what one critic called "an almost gnostic sense of alienation from reality" - and was a vivid account of what it was like to live under the repres-

sive Salazar regime. Ferreira was a noted literary and philosophical essayist and exponent of the postwar existentialist philosophy as practised by Jean-Paul Sartre. Indeed, he wrote a memorable introduction to a 1962 Portuguese translation of Sartre's Existentialism is a Humanism. It seems likely that at some time in the near future the best of Ferreira's work will be translated into English.

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J. L. TOOLE A GREAT COMIC ACTOR By Sir Arthur Pinero

One hundred years ago to-day was born John Lawrence Toole, a comedian of immense popularity in his time, but now, like so many comedians of the same type, little more than a name. Most of the parts he played are forgotten. The titles of the plays in which he appeared mean nothing to any but the few who can remember seeing them, and the fewer still who make a study of the mid-Victorian drama. His was not a comedy of the intellect, and contemporary critics who were touched as well as amused by his genius left no very memorable record of their impressions . . .

Toole was over 40 when, as a lad, I first saw him on the stage, and his acting had become more or less stereotyped; but from what I saw of him I can easily believe that in his younger days he was full of sparkle and vivacity. At the time I speak of he was a thick-set man with a stiff leg, and his activity was already seriously diminished. He was not an impersonator, what we should call a character actor, but relied in every part he played upon the comicality of his face and manner. He had a hoarse voice and a wry mouth, looking as if he was always trying to bite his ear. The special

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It was said of Toole (1830-1906) that, "the last of the low comedians, Toole was certainly the cleanest." Of the same man Dickens could write that he had "a power of passion very unusual in a comic actor.

quality of his acting, however, was an appealing spirit of wistfulness — almost of which came through his broad humour. I have seen this curious quality in no other actor, certainly in no low comedian. Dan Leno used to say that he saw the world as a football, kicked about by unseen players, with himself clinging on by his teeth to the laces. Leno seemed always to be toiling humbly after self-importance, and it was in his invariably humiliating failure to attain to self-importance that spectators found their fun and a certain

But it was as a broadly comic actor that Toole's chief reputation was made, and it is as

a low comedian of genius that he will live in theatrical history. He was a natural droll; that was his principal asset. His audiences asked of him that he should be himself, and were delighted by his catchwords and the little tricks of voice and gesture that they had come to identify with his humour.

Those catchwords! i remember two or three. but I should be hard put to it now to say precisely why they were seized upon and repeated from end to end of the country, and why, together with many other strokes of comic business, they should have reached America before their inventor and contributed to the impression formed there that the celebrated Toole was merely a slavish imitator of somebody else. "Still I am not happy" (coined, I believe, when Toole was playing Cabriolo in The Princess of Trebizonde at the Gaiety) was one; "Excuse my glove" another; and "It does make me so wild" was perhaps the most famous of all. These catchwords, thought they may serve to recall Toole to those who saw him, were not, it need hardly be said the essential quality of his humour. The secret of it was his nature, his geniality, his sympathy, and his quaintness, which, as Lord Rosebery once said, spread an electric chain about his audience and made them forget the actor in the man . . .

Uniform car parking fees urged to aid town centre business

A NATIONAL policy that would make car parking charges uniform across Britain to give a fair chance to hard-hit town centre businesses has been urged on the Government.

that out-of-town supermarkets and shopping centre retailers pay pro-portionately lower rates, thanks to the present assessment system, and

They now feel at a further disadvantage because their customers have to pay town centre parking charges or are discouraged by a lack of parking space. while out-of-town shoppers can usually park free.

Redman, the Forum of Private Business research officer. said: "We are seeing town centres decimated. What is more, if you see empty shops, an area becomes less

The forum has suggested an averaging-out of parking charges to the Environment Department consultation team now inquiring into traffic issues.

The submission includes proposals for some form of parking levy at out-of-town sites. One proposal for discussion is that local authorities could demand a toll for the use of approach roads Another is that the shops could pay a lump sum to the local authority - possibly to be

regained through a parking charge price increases on goods. In London, a survey for training and enterprise councils (Tecs) found parking problems and traffic congestion are the most quoted disad-vantages of running a business in

Meanwhile, south London could soon have a new organisation to tackle traffic problems that are damaging business. The South London Tec and traders' representatives have met officials of London First Centre, which tries to bring business into the capital, to discuss forming the group.



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Planting for profit

Veronica Heath

meets a couple whose love of

plants has grown a thriving company

evin and Susie White, who took a lease on the neglected walled garden of an 18th-Northumberland, have turned it into a thriving business named Hexham Herbs over the past nine

Mrs White said: "We were lookng for a nursery which we could build up by relandscaping and expanding it with the emphasis on herbs and medicinal plants. The Romans grew herbs and plants extensively here, both for cooking and as sacred offerings to the gods and the garden actually lies 20 yards from Hadrian's Wall. Cottage garden plants have enjoyed a revival and we liked the possibilities for imaginative expansion." Although the original idea had

been to concentrate on herbs, the Whites said the garden itself has asserted its influence and they have developed herbaceous borders, keeping many of the original plants native to the area. The area is sheltered by deciduous woods creating a microclimate which now supports 900 cultivars and species of herbs and about 2,000 herba-



A living business: Kevin and Susan White at work in their Northumberland herb garden

ceous plants. A potting shed at the entrance to the walled garden is now a small shop selling herbal oils and teas, pot-pourris, dried herbs and flowers and a variety of pots. The Whites both work full time, employ one full-time worker, four part-timers in summer and several volunteers. When they opened the nursery, the Whites already had a friend in the trade, a gardener at a National Trust property in Cum-berland and he was helpful while

they built a collection of herbs and the garden at Chesters was recog nised by the National Council for plants. Mrs White trained in art at the Conservation of Plants and Oxford. Seeing things with an Gardens as the National Thyme artist's eye has been a bonus." she said. At Chesters they have laid down a knot garden and a Roman Collection. He has established a computer database listing thyme garden and last summer had plants with cross-references to their 20,000 visitors. During winter, synonyms, linked to a photograph-Mrs White promotes the garden by ic file. In 1992, the Whites' collection giving lectures on herbs and has of marjorams was recognised as the National Origanum Collection. also written a book on the subject. Mr White is an authority on

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BRIEFINGS

Conflicting evidence on the number of business start-ups in 1995 has emerged. Barclays Bank helieves that start-ups rose by 4 per cent, to 448,000, and forecasts a further increase this year, to 475,000. If part-time start-ups are included, the figure will top 500,000 this year, the bank says People starting up from home now account for 41 per cent of all new businesses. The National Westminster Bank claims that only 335,000 businesses started trading in 1995, a 10 per cent fall.

☐ A seminar on self-assessment for income tax will be held by Grant Thornton, chartered accountant, at Aston Business School. Birmingham, on March 19. Details

Small companies and industrial innovators will be among priority beneficiaries of 4 per cent annual interest subsidies on five-year loans from the European Investment Bank under a European Commission scheme in Northern Ireland and border counties of the Irish Republic. The Commission is providing £300 million for the loans, on offer until March 31, 1997.

☐ The Association of Small Historic Towns and Villages (Ashtav) is asking members to report effects of edge-of-town supermarkets on their high street shops. Ashtav is testing public reaction through a questionnaire to members before deciding on any action. It adds that the supermarkets may cause an increase in traffic and pollution and encourage dependence on cars.

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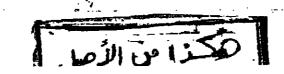
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Graham Kerr, left, a Starlog franchisee in Bromley, south London, and Gavin LeFleur, his store manager

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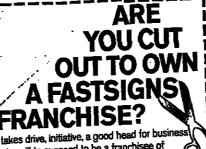
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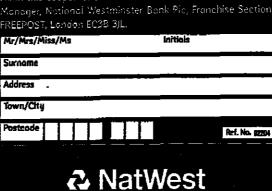
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Shipperley's score shows value of the unsung hero

s the FA Carling Pre-miership race enters the home straight, most eyes are focused on the big three: Newcastle, Manchester United and Liverpool. With the striking talents of Ferdinand, Cantona and Fowler (a mere snip at £23.5 million for the three) on display, the title is far from decided.

But for the Interactive Team Football (ITF) managers there are more profitable places to go looking for talent. The likes of Southampton, Manchester City and Coventry have hardly made the headlines this season, but that is no reason to ignore them.

Those with more faith than cash could have done worse than trawl through the lower reaches of the Premiership in search of points. A mere £2.5 million could have bought Neil Shipperley who so far has amassed 50 points for Southampton. It may not have guaranteed his club protection from relegation, but it is a better record than such star names as Ian Wright and Dennis Bergkamp, both of whom cost E7.5 million and have notched up around a meagre 40 points.

Then there is Shipperley's team-mate, Jim Magilton. He cost £3 million and is one of the highest midfield points scorers in ITF with 46. Or if that is too rich for your blood, a mere £1.5 million would have bought Georgi Kinkladze from Manchester City who has earned 42 points so far. Either way, they make Lee Sharpe (£3 million and 33 points) and Glenn Helder (£4 million and 25 points) look like expensive indulgences.

And for the teams struggling at the foot of the Premiership, there is still everything to fight for. Blackburn may be safe as houses sitting in the middle of the table but their season fizzled out a long time ago. Compared to QPR, desperate for a point wherever they can find it, motivation

But the trick to raiding the lesser clubs is to buy wisely.

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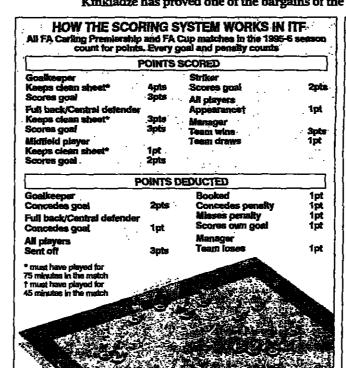
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All matches in the Premiership and those in the FA Cup count and your players and manager win and lose you points. With Kevins Kickers narrowly in the lead, is it time for you to delve into the



Kinkladze has proved one of the bargains of the season in ITF, amassing 41 points despite a price tag of only £1.5 million



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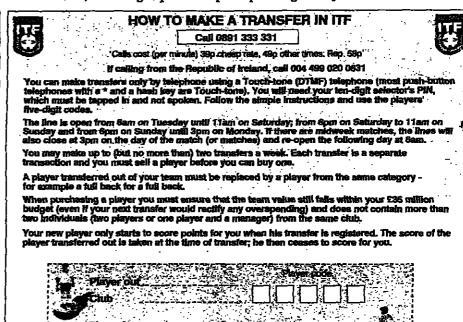
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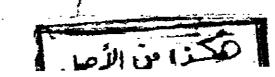
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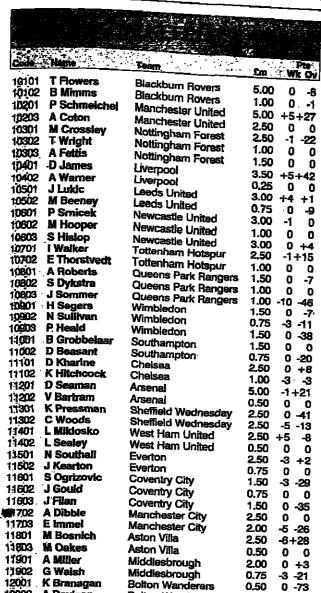
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Curle wishes that Ball, his manager at Manchester City, had £35 million at his disposal like ITF managers A big shot in the City SO FAR, Beech Hall United - named

around mid-table in the PFA Interactive Team Football (ITF) league and I think 1 will settle for that I think Alan Ball would settle for that position at the moment. He would also settle for having a spending limit of £35 million.

The first thing I was looking for in ITF was value for money. The spending limit does not go very far when you have a whole team to buy, and building the squad is difficult when you look at the price of the strikers and the goalkeepers. Those are the two most important positions in the team, so that is where I spent most of my money.

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David Seaman set me back £5 million but he is worth it. He has been scoring points consistently throughout the season, keeping clean sheets for Arsenal. Tony Yeboah was not cheap either, but has already scored 19 goals. He is an excellent striker, you only have to look at some of the goals he scored at the start of the season. The only doubt over picking him for the side came when he went to the African Nations' Cup, which meant he was away for a few weeks and not scoring any points.

I also only picked people I liked as players and I got a bargain with Neil Shipperley. He cost a third of what I spent on Yeboah and is my top points-

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Keith Curle, a centre back for Manchester City, talks

about his ITF team's season

scorer. Even though Southampton are not doing well, he is still a very good player and if I had as much money as I wanted I think I would have him alongside Les Fedinand as the striking partnership. If money really was no object, I would also have Ginola.

Once the attack was sorted out, I went for full backs from good defensive sides - Neville, from Manchester United, and Barton, from Newcastle United - and tried to put together an attacking midfield. That did not work out according to

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plan after White left Leeds United and went to Sheffield United in the Endsleigh Insurance League division one. The central defenders have not worked

has cost me points so far and Frank Sindair has not had the best of runs. He has not scored many points, but seeing as we are playing at Chelsea tonight I will be quite happy if he does not score any Looking at the team now I think I should have picked Duberry rather than

out particularly well, either. Des Walker

Sinclair. He would not have cost much at the start of the season and is a good player and beginning to fit in well at the In the midfield, Tim Sherwood and Roy Keane are both players I would have in my team if I were a manager in real

life, not just in ITF. They both tackle well, both pass the ball well but have contrasting styles of play. But they do have one thing in common: they can both win matches. At Manchester City we are not having

the best of times. We have got to win tonight at Chelsea and then have Southampton and Sheffield Wednesday at home and West Ham United away. They are all games we can win if we perform to the best of our ability on the day - we have got to make sure it is our day when

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NEWS

US build-up in China crisis

President Clinton has ordered a second aircraft carrier to join an American naval task force to protect Taiwan while China conducts missile tests and military manoeuvres near the

The USS Nimitz is to leave the Gulf with six or seven other ships this week to link up with the USS Independence off Taiwan before the island holds its presidential elections on Saturday week. They will establish one of the largest American forces in the region since the Vietnam War Pages 1, 13, 17

Marriage guidance rift over Royals

■ The president of Relate, the marriage guidance council. resigned in protest against remarks by her two senior executives over the breakup of the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales. .. Page 1

Blow for Major

John Major was facing the prospect of his Commons majority falling to one within a month as the Government was hit by a leaked internal document warning that Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party could cost him the next election....

Petrol price war

Tesco added fuel to Britain's pump-price war and promised that no cheaper petrol would be sold anywhere in the

Singer cleared

Jarvis Cocker, of the pop group Pulp, will not be prosecuted over his outburst during Michael Jackson's performance at the BritPage 2 Awards

Costly smoke

A compulsive smoker who lit up three times during a trans-atlantic flight in defiance of airline rules was fined £400 for endan-

gering an aircraft

River murder An attacker who bound a woman's hands with a dog lead before pushing her into a river to drown

RAF crash 'blunder'

An RAF Hawk aircraft which crashed, killing its pilot, had taken off with its ailerons disconnected after maintenance work, it is

Housing benefits

Lawyers are exploiting years of council neglect of housing to collect millions of pounds in fees and win substantial compensation for tenants of dilapidated

Mackay victory

Lord Mackay of Clashfern beat a rebellion by Tory peers when the House of Lords rejected a bid to extend the cooling off period for

Chechen struggle Walk a few yards in any direction

beyond the government compound and it becomes obvious how tenuous is Russia's hold over Saddam slaughter

A month after the Baghdad shoot-

out that killed two former sons-inlaw of Saddam Hussein, the full story of their murder is beginning to seep out to the West Page 11 Auction invasion

French auction houses, which have enjoyed a monopoly on sales for more than 400 years, will be forced to do battle with powerful foreign rivals

Onassis hoard

The late Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis was confirmed as one of history's great hoarders when Sotheby's unveiled the catalogue for its forthcoming New York auction of her estate, and pro-......Page 6 duced a 580-page book ... Page 13

Cheltenham tip to protect pin-money

Racegoers at the Cheltenham National Hunt Festival are being urged to use safety pins to secure their pockets as an antidote to thieves. With crowds of up to 150,000 people expected for the race meeting which starts today, Gloucestershire police said spectators must be vigilant against



Disabled demonstrators leave Labour's London headquarters yesterday after a six-hour protest to demand better rights. Page 8

Small business: Britain's small businesses welcomed a series of measures announced by the Government aimed at helping small firms to create jobs and promote economic growth...

Economy: Hopes for further interest rate cuts remained bright after a batch of sluggish economic statistics was released...Page 25

Dry deaning: Sketchley, the dry cleaning group, is to close up to 160 stores but locate dry cleaning and SupaSnap branches within Sainsbury supermarkets......Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 35.8 points to close at 3674.5. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 83.7 to 83.6 after a fall from \$1.5255 to \$1.5240 and from

Cricket: Mark Waugh scored his third hundred of the World Cup to help Australia to reach the semifinals with a six-wicket win over New Zealand. They will now face West Indies, who beat South _.Pages, 46, 48

Football: Faustino Asprilla, the Newcastle United and Colombia forward, has asked for a personal hearing on charges of misconduct against Manchester City .. Page 48

Rugby union: Lawrence Dallaglio, a contender to succeed Will Carling as England captain, has coped well with demands so far Page 42 Racing: Aidan O'Brien, the young

Irish trainer, can land his first Cheltenham Festival success with Hotel Minella in the Smurfit DM2.2634 to DM2.2590....Page 28 Champion Hurdle......Page 45

ARTS One was right: What was Radio !

doing by excluding the Beatles? "Making an accurate judgment of a record that simply doesn't hold up. in terms of its listener profile," says David Sinclair...... Graffiti king: The Serpentine Gal-

lery is showing work by the cult American graffiti artist Jean-Michel Basquiat, who died of a heroin overdose in 1988 aged 27 .. Page 40 Company man: Adrian Lester has won an Olivier Award for his role

in Sondheim's Company. Now the 27-year-old actor returns with the show to the West End Page 41 Virtuoso fiddle: Midori, the young virtuoso violinist, dazzled the Bar-

bican audience on Sunday with a display of consummate musi-

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

FASHION Italian glamour: Iain R. Webb on high chic and how to wear it

■ INTERFACE In our weekly guide to new technology: how the voice-activated intelligent house will do

Making tracks: Roberta from The Railway Children has dumped her

starched petticoat and button boots to become lady of the manor. Cliveden, to be exact. Mary Riddell talks to Jenny Agutter Page 15 Who killed Kathleen? The disappearance and mysterious death of Kathleen Waugh, a resident at a home for the physically and mentally disabled, passed virtually without notice — until now. Julia Liewellyn Smith reports.... Page 15

TEATURES ...

Legal leaning: What kind of lawyer is emerging from the profession's one-year vocational course? Scott Slorach reports on the findings of a survey on solicitor training for the next century Page 33

The unquiet mind: Professor Kay Redfield Jamison had to reveal that she was not only a world expert on manic depression, but a sufferer from it as well. Giles Whittell tells her story Page 14

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The White House, which is responsible for the "summit of the peacemakers", lists as its chief discussion points ways to enhance Arab-Israeli peace, to promote security and to combat terror. If practical results turn out to be few, the symbolism of the meeting nonetheless looms

Preview: An elderly composer becomes infatuated with a young violinist. Without Walls: Elgars Tenth Muse (Channel 4, 9pm) Review: Matthew Bond joins the hunt for new planets Page 47

OPINION

The IRA's corner

The IRA has maffocuvred itself into a corner. It should be left there while democrats shape Ulsters future ..

Clinton and Taiwan The West must raise the volume of

its alarm. Peking has to be told now that Taiwan has a right to be left in peace. If it uses force, China will return once more, and firmly, to the status of pariah

Stav cool

Radio I has a Controller who understands what the station's remit ought to be: to play tracks from new, innovative groups, to be at the edge of fashion, to set trends and not be bland

- COLUMNS

IAIN DUNCAN SMITH

The Government should pass a simple Act of Parliament amending the 1972 European Communities Act to stop the ruling applying in British courts. This could be passed swiftly, without opposition: any who opposed it would have to explain why they care less for British taxpayers than for the quota-hopping Spanish fishermen Page 16 LIBBY PURVES

If men find themselves at home

minding the community, chatting to the children and making a hot meal for the returning wife, they will start to rate these tasks as the proud and worthy things they

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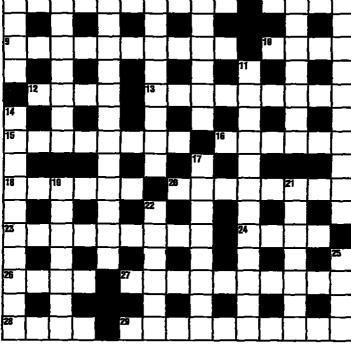
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Group Captain Clive Stanbury. wartime bomber and Special Operations Executive pilot; Professor Arthur Beattie, Professor of Greek at Edinburgh University: Thomas Watson, former Minister of Naturai Resources in Uganda; Verglis Ferreira, Portuguese Page 19

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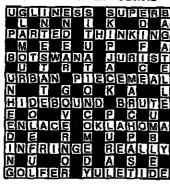


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- 6 One ingredient not used by head cook (4). 9 Warned after explosion by spirited
- quarry manager? (4-6). 10 Fancy model endlessly portrayed

12 A marksman sure to take toll (4).

- 13 Allure apparent in animated kind of preacher (9).
- 15 For example, flies around quietly and reconnoitres (8).
- 16 Neighbour involves little woman in a racket (6). 18 Row when smoker is confined in
- study (6). 20 Cereal crop entirely covering western county (8).
- 23 Put on wrong track error ascribed to motorway design (9). 24 Instant credit (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 20.112



- 26 Piece tossed off back of lorry. 27 Caught in embrace of remarkably
- endearing relative (5-5). 28 Warms up Cockney food (4). Carriage reportedly intended to
- augment transport (10).

- Leaders of delegation in greatly superior accommodation (4). 2 Lacking direction, first class mail originally ranked lower (7). 3 Confusion with lager drinkers,
- perhaps, holding riotous assembly? Exactly! (12).
- 4 Angry when equipment's dropped in water (8).
- 5 Mineral agreeable to the taste, one hears (6). 7 Spanish gentleman hailing article in beaten gold (7).
- 8 State hand-out extremely likely to be accepted without shame (10). 11 Female's name entered in clear desire for company (4.8).
- 14 inconvenience from dance centre attracting many over the way (10). 17 New ammunition about to be turned over to satisfy soldier (8). 19 Spend freely to have a wild bash
- 21 One accepting credit note to add to collection (7). 22 Source material usable for study
- 25 Quickly run and hide (4). Times Two Crossword, page 48

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outbreaks of rain and sleet; some heavier falls expected. Drier interludes in western areas of Northern Ireland and Scotland during marning. Snow likely over higher ground; drifting could be a problem. Could, talling to be a part of the property of the could, with patchy rain or sleet, mainly in west. Wind S to SE, mainly moderate, locally fresh. Max 3 to 5C (37 to 41P). iccarly resh. Max 3 to 5C (37 to 41?).

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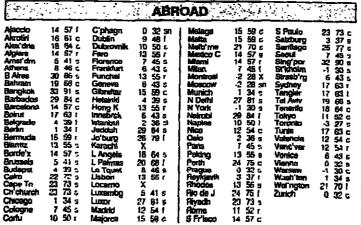
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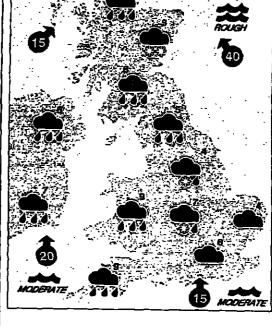
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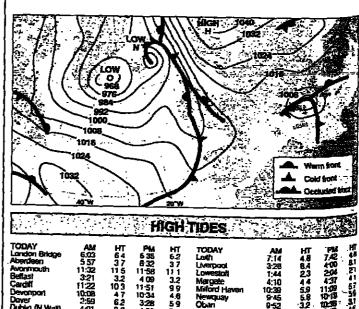
Orkney, Shetland: rain and sleet dying out later. Wind strong to gale, locally severe gale. Max 3 to 5C (37 to 41F). ☐ Outlook: showery and brighter in west. Cloudy further east.

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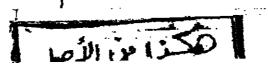


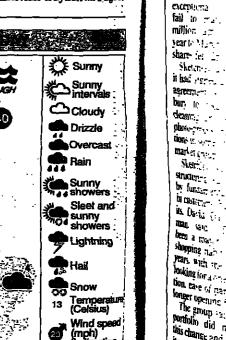












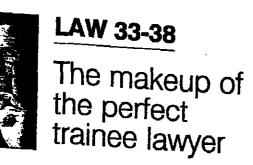
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

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Downward pointer: shares fell sharply in London, but rallied after the Dow Jones industrial average on Wall Street moved into positive territory

Sketchley to shut down 160 stores

By Sarah Bagnall

SKETCHLEY, the clean-ing services and retail group, is to close 160 high street stores at the cost of

The announcement that pre-tax profits before exceptional costs would fail to match the £6.3 million achieved in the year to March 31, 1995. The shares fell 12p to 126p.

Sketchley also revealed it had signed an exclusive agreement with J Sainsbury to locate its drycleaning and SupaSnaps photo-processing opera-tions in some of the supermarket group's stores.

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Sketchley said the restructuring was prompted by fundamental changes in customers' buying habits. David Davies, chair-man, said: There has been a major change in shopping habits in recent years, with the consumer looking for a one-stop location, ease of parking, and

longer opening hours."

The group said its store portfolio did not reflect this change and as a result it was closing 160 unprofitable stores, leaving about 550 branches. The closure programme will result in an exceptional charge of £7.5 million, but once completed will add more than E2.5 million to the group's annual operating profits.

Referring to Sainsbury deal John Jackson, chief executive, said: "The openings are likely to be very gradual, probably about five a year." At present, Sketchley has 30 outlets within supermarkets.

Mr Jackson emphasised that the link-up did not mark the beginning of the end of the group's high street presence. The board has forecast a

dividend of 3.5p against 3.4p last time. Tempus, page 28

Major promises to shame late payers

JOHN MAJOR promised vesterday to protect small businesses against late pay-ment and bureaucracy, tell-ing companies they could be forced to reveal their performance in settling bills.

The Prime Minister supported demands to "generate embarrassment" among late payers by making firms and the public sector publish full details of their bill-paying record. He said that ministers would take the lead in clamping down on departments and local authorities that delay settling bills which should normally be paid within a

month. League tables of departmental payment performance will be published each year and councils will be pressed to

follow suit. In a series of announcements aimed at removing burdens on small business, Mr Major promised "to bin rules" that stifle enterprise or bind companies in red tape. However, he avoided any reference to the controversial proposals, being considered by ministers, to remove current employment protection for staff at small businesses.

Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, has admitted his department is examining employee protection rules but insisted yesterday that they would not weaken the rights of staff made redundant.

Mr Major pointed to late payment as one of the main complaints of people running small businesses, but he stopped short of promising new laws to force companies to pay interest on delayed

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payment of bills. Although business leaders complain that up to 5,000 small firms close down because of late payments, Mr Major said there was a danger of creating more problems by introducing additional legislation.

During a one-day conference on small business, the Prime Minister said he agreed with the view that "rather than legislate, we should manage by embarrassment". He said: "Peer pressure does work. So I

believe we should take steps to generate embarrassment amongst those who wilfully Among the measures an-

nounced by ministers and aimed at curbing bureaucracy, Mr Major outlined plans to streamline the taxation and National Insurance systems, review uniform business rate and to set up a single point of registration for value-added tax. National Insurance contributions and pay-as-you-

He said ministers were working towards measures specifically to help small firms, including the eventual abolition of capital gains and inheritance tax, reforming the business rate system and slashing central bureaucracy. "Wherever we can, we will bin

rules, get rid of them." Britain's small businesses broadly welcomed the measures even though they specifically did not include the removal of job protection law from small business employees, which led to a public split last week in the Cabinet.

Mr Lang emphasised the value the Government attaches to small firms: "You lie at the heart of an enterorise economy. And only an economy that values enterprise has tive and winning in world markets." Ministers were responding to points raised in a consultation exercise carried out by business bodies, including the Institute of Directors, CBI, chambers of commerce and the main small firms' organisations.

Tim Melville-Ross, directorgeneral of the IoD, which organised the consultation. said: "John Major scored pretty highly. We were pleased there was so much in the way of an immediate response to small business", although he added that the "jury is out" until small companies saw in practice what the Government intended to do. Barbara Roche, Labour's

small business spokesperson, who will put forward Labour's small firms case with Tony Blair next week, said: "Small firms are vital to our economy. They deserve a government which will take their needs seriously. The evidence of this conference is that this Government does not know what they

London shares pull back from brink of crash

By Michael Clark and Philip Pangalos

CITY investors were breathing a sigh of relief last night after the expected stock market crash in London failed to

Even so, investors still had to endure a rollercoaster ride in the wake of Friday's 177point fall in the Dow Jones industrial average. The FT-SE 100 index opened almost 50points lower after the weekend break as traders took action to deter potential sellers and contain the situation.

The index reached its low of the day - 81 points down - at L30pm as all eyes focused on the resumption of trading in New York after the weekend break. But trading conditions proved thin and, in the absence of any real selling, the total number of shares traded was a meagre 631 million.

As the Dow Jones moved into positive territory after a nervous start, the index in London managed to recover its poise and close 35.8 down on the day at 3,674.5.

On the foreign exchange, the dollar managed to consolidate its position, closing mixed against its main rivals. Sterling's trade-weighted index dipped from 83.7 to 83.6 after the pound slipped from \$1.5255 to \$1.5240 and from DM2.2634 to DM2.2590.

Brokers in the Square Mile were expressing satisfaction with the market's perforprices close well above their worst levels of the day, having nursed losses of more than £1 early on. Traders said the final outcome could have been much worse.

A correction on Wall Street had been expected for some time. In the past year, the Dow Jones industrial average has soared more than 40 per cent and, until Friday, risen 10 per cent since the start of the year.

mance has been disappointing, with political and eco-

nomic worries overshadowing

Martin Lupton, head of market-making at Kleinwort Benson, said: "Wall Street overreacted. There was no selling pressure from clients. We expect conditions to return to near normal tomorrow, with bond prices calmer and Wall Street up. We should certainly move back above 3,700."

Friday's losses on Wall Street were compounded by overnight losses in Hong Kong where the Hang Seng tumbled 820.3 to 10.397.34. reflecting growing tension between China and Taiwan. Bob Semple, equity strate-

gist at NatWest Securities. said: "We all waited for Wall Street to open and when it

didn't fall apart we all felt a sigh of relief." Michael Hughes, managing

Pennington

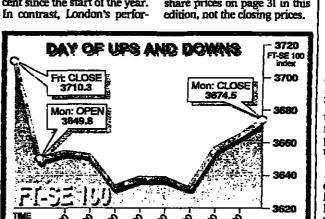
Stock market

director of economics and strategy at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, said the US market had been "looking for an excuse for a correction". He said: "The response to the [US] interest rate picture is an overreaction. It's premature to anticipate a rate rise."

concern about the correction and put it into perspective: The news from Taiwan worries me more than the news from Wall Street. A fundamental breakdown of relations between China and the United States had more worrying imculties at outside suppliers, we

plications for the market."

Because of production diffiare only able to publish 2pm share prices on page 31 in this edition, not the closing prices.



Economists see 5% rates

By Alasdair Murray

ECONOMISTS were predicting interest rates could be at 5 per cent by the end of the summer after ecomomic statistics showed manufacturing activity staying weak, factory gate prices under control and retail sales still sluggish.

The data vindicate Kenneth Clarke's decision last week to cut rates by 0.25 per cent to 6 per cent. Don Smith, UK economist at HSBC-Midland, said: "The numbers fully justify the decision the Chancellor

took last week. Rates should be down to 5 per cent by the end of the summer."

Overall industrial production fell 0.5 per cent in January as warm weather cut demand for fuel products. Manufacturing production, which accounts for 84 per cent of the total industrial production, rose by 0.3 per cent from December. But manufacturing output across the three months from November to

the previous three months, the weakest figures since August 1993. Producer output prices rose 0.2 per cent in February with the year-on-year figure falling from 3.8 per cent in January to 3.7 per cent. Producer input prices eased from 3.9

per cent to 3 per cent.

British Retail Consortium figures for February showed a smaller than expected year-onyear retail sales rise of 3.6 per cent from 4 per cent in January fell by 0.6 per cent on January and December.

Investors lose £10m claim

AN ATTEMPT by 120 investors to win £10 million in damages from an accountancy firm failed yesterday, when a High Court judge resounding-ly dismissed their claim. Partners in Clark Whitehill were told that they would not be held accountable for the fraudulent activities of Nicholas Young, jailed for four years in 1991.

The judgment is a blow to investors contemplating American-style class actions against accountants and oth-

By Jon Ashworth ers who are seen as having 'deep pockets".

Clark Whitehill, Britain's tenth-largest accountancy firm, has spent up to £2 million fighting calls for compensation over Young, formerly international executive officer of Clark Kenneth Leventhal (CKL), an international accounting network. The firm is now part of Horwath International.

Young took office space in Clark Whitehill's building, and was responsible for CKL marketing. On the side, he ran a scam, promising investors up to 4 per cent tax-free interest a month, and gambling away proceeds on the races.

Mr Justice Dyson ruled that Young's activities were conducted privately, and that neither CKL nor Clark Whitehill owed a duty of care to the investors, "almost all of whom were experienced businessmen and professional men" seduced "by the prospect of

BUSINESS TODAY

London close \$396.15 (\$395.25)

Shock for names over bill estimates

BY SARAH RAGNALL

CLAIMS that Lloyd's of London must increase its £2.8 billion settlement offer gained weight yesterday as names responded with outrage to estimates of the bills they face to settle all their debts with the market.

The indicative statements,

which landed on 34,000 doormats yesterday, have shocked many names as their share of the £2.8 billion package is less than under Lloyd's failed £900 million offer in December 1993. Sally Noel, a name, said: "I'm going to light my fire with my statement. It's scandalous. We are winning our cases in the courts so we should be receiving compensation not paying out extra vast sums of

Many names said that the E100,000 cap on their bills, over and above their funds at Lloyd's, was too high. David Leavey, 62, said the offer made to his wife, Anna, was unacceptable. He added: "I am incensed that in spite of significant losses and having paid £100,000 already she has been offered £1,000 out of the £2 billion debt credits."

Mr and Mrs Leavey are examples of another common problem of not having the assets, beyond their family home, to meet their bill. With a pension of £10,000 and a small income from Mrs Leavey, they do not have adequate income to support a mortgage.

The responses invariably reflect those unhappy with their statements but do support the argument that more funds are needed in order to reduce the cap to £50,000. making it more likely that



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Video chain issues warning

Colorvision, the television and video stores chain, warned that its losses would be worse than market forecasts due to the Office of Fair Trading's (OFT) decision in January to revoke the group's consumer credit licences.

It has instructed Beeson Gregory, its financial advisers, to seek out companies to help to shore up its finances and is appealing against the OFT's decision. Since the OFT announcement sales, excluding satellite systems. have fallen 29 per cent.

The company said: "It is not possible, at this stage. to predict the final outcome (for the year to March 31) but a further statement will be made as soon as possible after the financial year end." The shares fell 3p to 23p — a far cry from June 1988's 255p.

Hiscox grows

Hiscox Select Insurance Fund, the Lloyd's of London insurance trust. said underwriting capacity for the 1996 account has increased by 4 per cent to £58.77 million. In the year to December 31, 1995, Hiscox Select earned pretax profits of El.13 million (El.3 million for between November 8, 1993 and December 31, 1994). The total dividend is 2.4p (3p). with a L.2p final.

YBS pledge

Yorkshire Building Society will today unveil a 7.6 per cent rise in profits to £84.9 million coupled with a 10 per cent growth in assets to £6.41 billion. It will also pledge to give back more of its profits to borrowers and savers. Mortgage lending rose to E983 million (£918 million).

Refuge profits

Refuge, the insurance group, said yesterday that a 34 per cent rise in annual profits to £42.1 million included a one-off £5.3 million from the sale of its general insurance business. Profits from linked life business fell to Et.95 million (£2.23 million).

Roxboro up

The Roxboro Group, the sensors and instrumentation company, is lifting the 1995 dividend by 25 per cent to 6p a share from 4.8p, with a final 4p. Pretax profits rose to £16 million last year (£12.2 million).

Utilities deal

United Utilities, the merg-er of North West Water and Norweb, the electricity company, has signed a 20year agreement to operate water and sewer services for North Brunswick in the state of New Jersey in America. Total turnover is estimated at \$200 million.

D&G better

Domestic & General, the domestic appliance insurer, reported a 6.8 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £5.4 million in the six months to December 31. The dividend, due May 9, was lifted 10.2 per cent to 12.25p.

Dividend rise

Hibernian Group, the Dublin insurance and financial services group. lifted operating profits nine per cent to Ir£26.8 million in 1995. The total dividend rises 13 per cent to 1r8.9p a share with a final iro.ip.

Major launches initiatives to improve life for small firms

INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government yesterday unveiled new initiatives aimed at helping small business in Britain, in a move led by John Major, who insisted that the enterprise culture embodied by small firms was vital for the UK's economic success.

Mr Major told a London conference on small firms: "Small businesses are not some minority interest. They are the main source of future jobs, and the backbone of our economy."

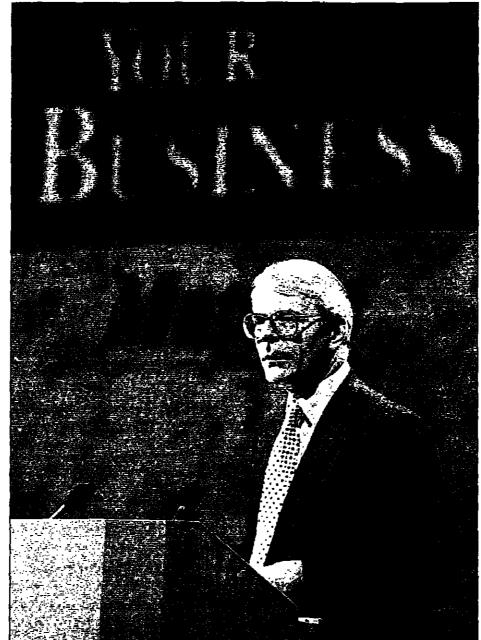
The conference was the culmination of what the Prime Minister called the largest consultation exercise mounted with small companies. In many cases ministers' announcements were in line with what small companies said they wanted - detailed in The Times yesterday.

The main measures laid out in a series of ministerial speeches included:

Late payment: The small business consultation did not show support for new laws on late payment of bills, and although Mr Major said that he favoured "peer pressure" and the ability to "manage by embarrassment" on late payment, he made it clear that he supported the idea of companies being required by law to publish in their annual reports their payment perforwhich the law requires now.

The Government will consult on this issue but, in advance of that, is taking steps to improve the payment per-formance of Whitehall departments, announcing that it will publish each year a league table record of what they achieve on payment times. The Government will ask local authorities to do the same, and will consider legislation to require them to if they refuse.

Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, insisted that the Government was not trying to manage the embarrass-ment over the disclosure by Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, of his manipulation of late payment when running a small busi-



John Major addressing the conference: "small businesses are the backbone of our economy."

☐ Employment The Government made no announcement on scrapping employment protection legislation for employees working in small businesses, as foreshadowed in a leaked government letter last week, although Mr Lang insisted the issue was still under consideration. But the Government is to publish a draft Bill on the operation of Brit-

will be developed, most incor-porating Wacky Warehouse play barn facilities aimed at children up to the age of 11.

The successful Firkin chain is

set to expand from 84 oulets to

Allied Domecq Leisure was

created in October last year to

focus on developing branded

outlets. A second subsidiary.

Allied Domecq Inns, contin-

ues to control the regional pub

chains of Tetley, Ansells, Ind

The development announce-ment pleased the market. Al-

lied shares, which have taken

a battering after a profits

warning last month, climbed

Fears for electricity competition

By Christine Buckley

ment of the settlement system

had been due on January 18 in

the pool's operational frame-

work, but has now slipped to

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there is a marked difference

over estimates of how many

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about 200 in the next year.

ain's industrial tribunals. after a consultative Green Paper. The Bill is likely to propose much greater use of conciliation and arbitration. rather than moving in every case to a tribunal hearing. ☐ Tax registration: From next month new businesses will no longer have to register separately with the Inland Revenue, the Contributions

Agency and Customs & Excise on tax. National Insurance and VAT, but will be able to sign up with all three on one simple form. New employers will soon get free advice, on their own premises, on these issues, and Mr Major promised further moves to give greater coherence to the tax and NI systems, including a

line for queries.

☐ Enforcement: The Government intends to apply to environmental standards. food safety, building regulations and, eventually, consumer affairs an approach already applied to health and safety issues of consistent and fair enforcement, including the reasons for regulation, reasonable notice, and the right of appeal against inspection decisions. Appeal mechanism details were issued yesterday. The Government is also considering whether penalties over enforcement should be criminal rather than civil, though ministers insist criminal sanctions will still have a part to play in some cases.

Development: Ministers intend small business development to be easier, by piloting in two local authorities — a one-stop-shop approach on all enforcement development, including fire safety, listing, planning and building con-

applying the scheme more widely once it has been Information: The Government wants information on small business regulation to be clear, and widely available, and is studying using the Internet as a medium. It displayed for the first time at yesterday's conference a prototype information technology system making available all

trols, with the intention of

the necessary regulations on one computer screen. ☐ Business support: As well as promoting best practice, the Prime Minister also announced a "radical review" of the Government's support schemes for business, with the aim of making them easier to understand. Work is starting immediately, and it is hoped to

have the results early in June. The Government will set out the results of many of these moves when it publishes, probably in June also, its third competitiveness White Paper. Consultative conferences on the deregulation of specific industrial sectors, including tourism, chemicals and engineering, will begin before that

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Allied Domecq to expand pub chains

By Alasdair Murray

ALLIED DOMECQ. the About 100 new Big Steak pubs drinks company, yesterday launched a £150 million pub expansion programme that will create about 7,500 primarily part-time jobs over the next 12 months.

It will concentrate on expanding its existing branded pub chains, including the family-orientated Big Steak pubs and the youth-targeted Firkin chain. Allied Domecq Leisure, a

new subsidiary, said that it would be funding a total of 250 developments. At present, it operates 1,120 outlets across Britain.

The company said that it was responding to continued demand for family pubs and more pubs that serve food.

FRESH fears have arisen that

preparations for competition

crumbling after a slip in the

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the emergence of a gulf be-tween the electricity regulator

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Danes give Rentokil shares pledge

SOPHUS BERENDSEN has pledged not to sell any shares in Rentokil for at least five years. The promise rejects City rumours that Denmark's Berendsen wished to signifi-

cantly reduce its holding after Rentokil's £1.9 billion bid for BET, the business services company. Berendsen's existing 52 per cent holding will be reduced to 35 per cent if Rentokil's cash-and-shares offer for BET is successful.

BET published its defence document on Sunday predicting a 27.5 per cent rise in total dividend to 5.1p and describing Rentokil's offer as "wholly inadequate". Rentokil is expected to publish a full response later this week.

customers will initially swap. However, Andrew Claxton,

chief executive of the pool,

which implements trading

and settlement in the electric-

ity industry, said that he ex-

pected a switch by about 25 per

cent in the first couple of years. The pool said last November

that there was only a 50-50

chance of full competition be-

ing implemented by April 1998.

Cable and Wireless shares soar on talk of takeover

By Eric Reguly

SHARES of Cable and Wireless soared yesterday to a high as speculation mounted that it has become a takeover target. The rise, to 477p, up 30p on volume of 12 million shares, came after British Telecom confirmed holding unsuccessful merger talks with C&W which ended late last year. It is thought that C&W balked at

BT's suggested takeover price. Analysts said that C&W now appeared to be "in play" and that US telecoms companies. including AT&T and the Baby Bells, were potential suitors. US institutions were responsi-ble for much of the C&W buying. After being rejected, BT may return with a hostile bid.

The share surge came as Lord Young of Graffham, the C&W chairman who was ousted in November, approved a severance package that will pay him only three months' salary. His acceptance came after the company threatened to deny him his lucrative share options if he demanded more.

A quarter of his £475,000 salary will leave him with E119,000. He is also to receive about £55,000 in pension and health benefits plus an estimated £200,000 share of the direcbonus scheme. His

830,000 share options, granted at prices between 210p and 262p, are worth about £2.4 million at current prices. The value of the total package, including options, is more than £2.7 million.

It is thought that Lord Young initially argued that his salary should be paid until February of next year, when he turns 65. C&W's nonexecutive directors decided in November that he should remain chairman until then. and that James Ross, the chief executive, should leave within six months, but then asked

them both to leave. C&W said Mr Ross's successor will be announced by the end of the month. Five Americans and two Europe-ans (neither British) are on the shortlist. Lord Young has been replaced by Brian Smith, who was a non-executive director. ☐ Oftel, the telecommunications regulator, said its pro-posal to amend BT's licence. prohibiting anticompetitive practices is not an attempt to make the company less profitable. The statement was in response to letters and phone

calls from BT shareholders. Pennington, page 27

TOURIST RATES

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Austria Sch	16.89	15.39
Belgium Fr	49,43	45.13
Canada \$	2.186	2.026
Cyprus Cyp£.	0.750	0.695
Denmark Kr	9.34	8.54
Finland Mkk	7.58	6.93
France Fr	8.15	7.50
Germany Dm .	2.41	2.20
Greece Dr	389.00	364.00
Hong Kong \$	12.42	11.42
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Japan Yen	174.90	158.90
Metta	0.591	0.536
Netherids Gid	2.882	2.452
New Zealand \$	2.40	2.18
Norway Kr	10.42	9.62
Portugal Esc	245.50	227.00
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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Laporte sticks to high investment levels

LAPORTE, the speciality chemicals group that lost its chairman and finance director in the past four months, will maintain high investment levels in spite of a severe setback in 1995, which caused pre-tax profits to fall 8 per cent to £113 million, before exceptional items. Jim Leng, the new chief executive, said the destocking that affected second-half profits was coming to an end and indicated that investment would coming to an end and mughly twice the level of depreciation. Laporte's capital expenditure totalled £72 million last year and Mr Leng said that as much, or more, would be year and ivit Leng said investment would be more invested this year. He said investment would be more focused, with more than half of the spending on high market

share and higher growth businesses. nare and nigher growth bounded. Laporte has taken a restructuring charge of £83 million for redundancies and closures. The company will close nine sites and lay off 300 people. Pre-tax profit after the exceptional charge was down 80 per cent to £24.5 million. The final dividend is maintained at 14.5p, making at total of 23p (22.4p). Tempus. page 28

Spirax-Sarco ahead

SPIRAX-SARCO ENGINEERING, the supplier of products and services for the efficient use of steam, lifted pre-tax profits to £43.1 million in 1995 from £34.6 million in the previous year. Turnover rose to £251.3 million from £217.9 million, with 86 per cent of sales destined for markets outside the UK. Capital expenditure was 40 per cent higher at £14.8 million. Earnings were 33.8p a share (27.9p). A final dividend of 9.2p a share, due May 20, makes a total of 13.2p (11.5p).

Fuel supply sufficient

OIL and gas production in Britain will exceed the present rate of annual consumption for a further ten years, according to an offshore industry report. The study also claims there are sufficient reserves to sustain significant production levels for at least a further 20 years. The projections are the focus of a new report by the UK Offshore Operators' Association. It estimates that gas production could reach peak levels by the

Suter saves Clearplas

SUTER, the engineering group, expects to announce the sale of its Clearplas UK operation soon, reversing a decision to close the maker of plastic components for the automotive industry and securing more than 400 jobs. Suter said a £6.9 million loss on disposals, mainly due to a goodwill write-off, pulled pre-tax profits down to £20.2 million in 1995 (£23.6 million). The final dividend of 6.1p (op) is payable on June 26, giving 9.8p (9.5p) for the year, from earnings of 10.8p (13.9p).

Partco Group ahead

PRE-TAX profits of Partco Group, the distributor of automotive parts, rose to £7.47 million in the year to December 31, from £6.22 million last time, as turnover, boosted by acquisition, grew by 21 per cent, to £164.4 million. Like-for-like sales grew by nearly 8 per cent. The 250-branch group is to pay a final dividend of 4.75p on May 31, making 7p (6.2p) for the year, up 13 per cent, from earnings per share up by 18 per cent, to 19.6p (16.6p). The shares rose by 1p. to 252p. seen 1

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Cortecs trims losses

CORTECS INTERNATIONAL, the biotechnology company specialising in oral drug-delivery systems, yesterday said itsloss for the half year to December 31 fell 20 per cent to £1.6 million on turnover that rose 53 per cent to £4.9 million after tighter controls on costs and spending. The company said a E12 million private placement and £1.2 million funding agreement have left it with enough financial resources to continue its research and development efforts for some time.

Cathay advances 24%

CATHAY PACIFIC, the future of which is clouded by the Chinese takeover of Hong Kong, announced a net profit of HK\$2.9 billion (£249 million) for 1995, up 24 per cent from a year earlier. Peter Sutch, chairman, said there was no danger of the Swire group, Cathay's parent, having to sell any of Cathay to give it a more Chinese character after Britainhands over the colony next year. Already, much of Cathay's engineering and repairs are carried out in China.

Fairey chief optimistic

FAIREY GROUP is confident about the outlook for this year. although the general economic environment is probably slightly less favourable than in 1995, said Sir Robin Biggam. chairman, yesterday. The company, which operates in industrial electronics and specialist engineering, reported-1995 pre-tax profits of £34.2 million (£25.8 million). Earnings rose to 27.4p a share from 22.8p. A final dividend of 5.45p a-share, due June 14, lifts the total to 8p from 7p.

Redrow profits down

STEVE MORGAN, chairman of Redrow Group, the housebuilding company, said house prices appeared to have stabilised and there had been a gradual return of customer confidence. The company yesterday reported a fall in profits to £12.1 million before tax in the half-year to December 31, from £16.3 million previously, with earnings down to 3.89 a share from 5.2p. The interim dividend is increased to 1.1p a share from 1.05p. The shares were unchanged at 1392p.

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☐ Wall Street steadies, London breathes again ☐ Political risks of C&W takeover ☐ Major's minor small business measures

☐ AN apocryphal tale from the theatre tells of the lazy critic's review, written and filed well before the interval, that appears the next day with no mention of the fatal fire that razed the theatre during the last act. One of the few pleasures of these little stock market upsets is the analysts' research, written well before the crisis and blithely unaware of its imminence, that flops blindly onto the desk even

after the shooting starts.
No names, but two typical headlines from brokers' research yesterday read "Still on track" and "How to tell when a stock market bull run is nearing its end". About the best indication of the end of a bull market, as it happens, is the sort of apparently random fall that started in New York before the weekend.
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of favourable economic statistics, US investors assuming there would be no more interest rate cuts. It is hard to think of a more convincing demonstration that US markets had become uncoupled from reality and the fundamental ratios that should drive share prices. Yet the global nature of stock markets allowed the process to be repeated in London, after the City had

The benefits of hindsight

watched a wave of overnight selling sweep across Asia. Some of that Far East selling had more to do with heightened Chinese sabre-rattling over Tai-wan, while a set of UK manufacturing output figures issued yesterday suggested that base rates here may have further to

fall if flatness continues into coming months and the Tories want to win the next election. No matter; stock markets have their own internal momentum, and if London was braced for a fall, then fall there would have to be. The market then dithered until an unsteady Wall Street kicked in and stabilised. At this point, London decided life was worth living again and halved the earlier loss.

Bull markets either finish in one huge crash, as in 1987, or they abseil downwards in a series of large leaps. The betting is that this last is what is happening, which suggests a few more three-figure falls inter-spersed with slow recoveries until equilibrium is reached the classic saw-toothed curve.

The next test will come later this week, with American unemployment, inflation and industrial production numbers. If they are again good, this could spark another weekend collapse. if they fail to confirm last Friday's favourable news, share and bond prices will presumably rise again. And the professional prognosticators? Remarkably short on firm advice, although one came up with an almost Augustinian piece of fence-sit-ting. This must be seen as a buying opportunity," he said. "Although not just yet."

For whom the bell tolls

☐ CABLE AND WIRELESS is a sitting duck. Its management has been in turmoil since the sacking in November of Lord Young of Graffham and James Ross, and the shares of the only



truly global telecoms operator are clearly undervalued.

A new owner would get instant access to more than 40 countries, including China. C&W's jewel, the 57 per cent-owned Hong Kong Telecom, is forging links with Peking in hopes of becoming the preferred supplier of everything from fibre-optic transmission systems to mobile phones. The market potential is staggering: imagine Great Britain times 30.

Yet the British parent is un-likely to lose its independence

immediately. A new chief executive, probably American,

should be appointed within a couple of weeks. Given the complexity of the task, the new boy will not want to fall out of a job too soon by calling in the auctioneers. There is also the Hong Kong question; any buyer would want assurances that Peking will guarantee HK Telecom's independence and the right to keep most of its profits

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next year. The Wall Street plunge cannot be blamed entirely for the slump in the company's shares; China's game of brinkmanship with Taiwan has not helped. The political risks would be especially acute for BT, which has confirmed some sort of merger proposal to the C&W board. China

after the Union Jack comes down

might not take kindly to a C&W-BT behemoth. Thanks to the strong stance taken by Chis Pat-ten, our man in Hong Kong, Brit-ish companies are distinctly out of favour. US companies are in favour, though that may change if American and Chinese ships cross wakes in the Taiwan Strait.

The global telecoms revolution will eventually catch up with C&W. The political risks, however, should buy it some time.

Cautious with the big ideas

☐ LACKS the Big Idea — this is the usual denunciation of John Major's government. While yesterday's attempts at big ideas, such as describing Britain as now engaged in "economic warfare" with its foreign competitors, were largely silly rhetoric, there was a raft of small ones that will be most helpful to small business in Britain.

One Big Idea, scrapping employment protection for half of Britain's employees, has been ambushed by ministers with a bit more sense of electoral savvy. That still leaves a greater coher-ence on VAT and national insurance, or a one-stop regulatory shop for small business.
While the Deputy Prime Min-

But it will be of some practical help, and on that test, the Prime Minister scored yesterday.

ister's earlier boasts about manipulating invoices hardly sit comfortably with Mr Major's

endorsement yesterday of peer pressure on late payers to "man-

age by embarrassment", one of

the most surprising outcomes of talks with small business is their

lack of keenness for new laws to

deal with the problem.
Some business bodies claim-

ing to be representative have insisted there is strong support for legislation. The Government has been more guarded, and that

caution now looks right. Disclosure may not solve the problem

- it may not even be a Big Idea.

Accidents happen ☐ POOR old Costain's 23 per cent share price rise at the end of last week, in the teeth of a market collapse, looked like an accident looking for somewhere to happen. So it has turned out, after yesterday's profits warning and an abrupt tumble back again. The company says trading was too slight to justify using excise. too slight to justify using section 212 notices to flush out potential bidders — is someone scared there might be nobody out there?

British Vita drops 28% as prices rise

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

SLUGGISH economies and rising chemicals prices were blamed yesterday by British Vita, the polymers and plastics group, as the company turned in a 28 per cent drop in

British Vita, which supplies foam and fibre products for household, automotive and industrial products, saw pretax profits for the year to December 31 slide to £35.7 million. Bob McGee, chairman, said that last year had seen unprecedented price jumps in raw materials while its markets also struggled with weak economies.

This two-pronged obstacle last year triggered a substantial restructuring. The final dividend, payable on May 13. was set at 4p, taking the total to 7.95p, a rise of 3 per cent on

Costain statement unsettles shares

By PHILIP PANGALOS

elaborate further.

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its warning from Costain.

Analysts had previously ex-

pected 1995 pre-tax losses.

which are due to be unveiled

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SHARES in Costain Group fell 112p to 792p after the embattled building and construction company said it knew of no reason for a recent rise in its share price and said that 1995 results would be "some way" below current market expectations (see

Pennington, this page). Shares in Costain added 10p last Friday after a wave of takeover speculation swept the market, with much of the talk centring around Arab-owned stakes in the company.

Costain issued a statement yesterday firmly denying any knowledge of a reason for the share price rise. A Costain spokesman insisted that the company was "not aware" of any reasons for such an increase, but was not willing to million and £20 million before any exceptional items. This compares with a provision-laden loss of £180.4 million However, John Campbell, finance director, said that the

company had not issued any previously. Some analysts were condisclosure notices (under seccerned that Costain's US mintion 212 of the Companies Act ing operations, which made a 1985) in order to ascertain who had been acquiring shares. He £40.4 million loss last year, suffered a further setback and said: "The trading was very thin on Thursday and Friday. may not yet return to the The market may have been black. However, Mr Campbell said: "US mining has not been a problem in 1995." He speculating as to what may happen after recent activity suggested that the latest diffi-culties centre around the concerning Amec and Trafal The market was further group's engineering businessunsettled by the effective profes, which did not recover

sufficiently in the second half. Costain's market capitalisation has dropped from £556 million in 1990 to a mere £41.2 million at yesterday's close.

Weather and investment hit Pentland

By Patricia Tehan

PENTLAND, the sports and leisure goods group, found its performance hindered by warm weather and the cost of investment in new businesses.

After acquisitions and investments, interest income almost halved to £4.2 miltion, restricting growth in pre-tax profit to £100,000, taking profit to £38.2 million. This masked a 9 per cent rise in operating profit to £28.1 million and a 19 per cent rise in sales to £754.9 million.

Margins were squeezed as a warm autumn held back US footwear sales, and the hot UK summer held back sales of Berghaus outdoor equipment. The dividend for the year rises 6 per cent to 3.3p. The final payment of 1.95p is due on July 1.

Rugby profits crumble 40%

By Alasdair Murray

THE difficult construction market caused full-year profits at Rugby, the building

materials company, to tumble
40 per cent to £46 million.
Rugby blamed a fall in
demand in its United Kingdom, Australian and United States markets. Profits were also hit by strikes and flood damage in The Netherlands and Rugby took exceptional charges of £27 million.

The company said it will invest £100 million in a new cement factory at Rugby, Warwickshire, which should be operating by the end of 1998 producing 50 per cent of the company's total UK cement output. Existing capacity at Rugby, and two other plants will be reduced resulting in a £9.8 million charge.
Rugby also intends to dis-

decreased by 19 per cent to £25.6 million. The company said that while prospects for this year were difficult to predict, it

expects a modest improvement in profits. Rugby shares fell lp to 114p. A final dividend of 2.lp (2.lp) is payable on May 10.

pose of its non-core metal

building products division.

Overall turnover increased by

13.1 per cent to £1.14 billion

while the total dividend was

unchanged at 3.6p.
The only division to im-

prove was the manufacturing

and distribution business which increased profits by 27 per cent to £10.2 million.

Profits at the core cement

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Persimmon says takeover will save cash

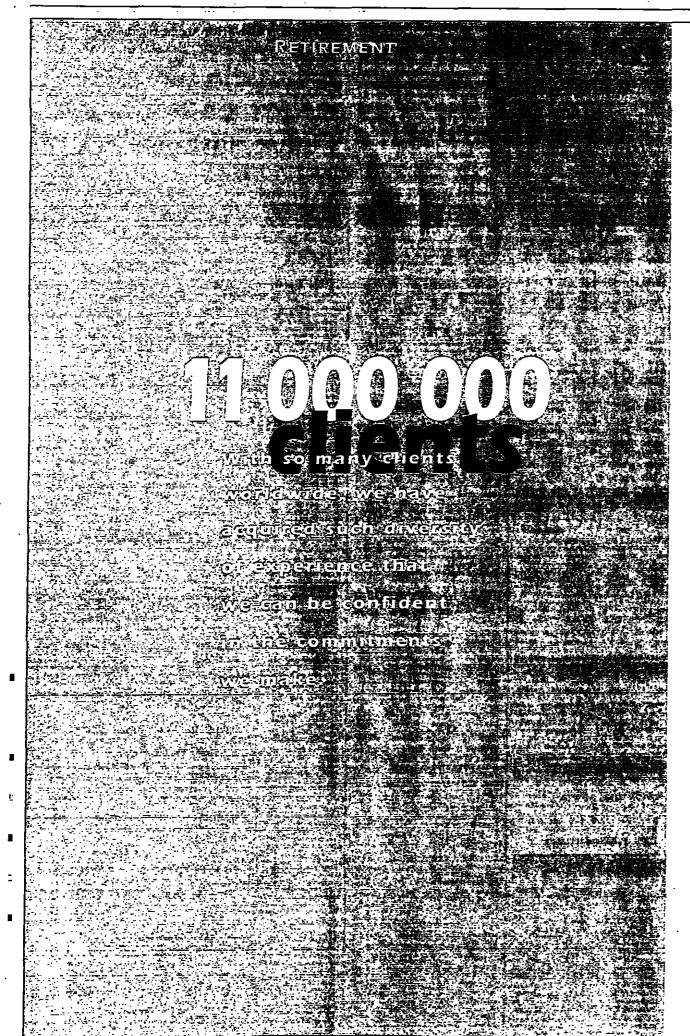
By PHILIP PANGLOS

PERSIMMON, the housebuilder, expects to make sub-stantial cost savings from its £177 million acquisition of Ideal Homes from Trafalgar House.

Duncan Davidson, chairman, said that the Ideal Homes acquisition will enhance earnings this year, and that consolidation of Persimmon's 13 operating companies and Ideal's seven units into 15 core subsidiaries should bring

good synergy benefits". Persimmon said that margin pressure in the housing market and higher interest costs had pulled pre-tax profits down to £22.8 million in the year to December 31, from

£24.3 million last time. The total dividend is maintained at 9.5p, with a final 6.5p payable April 29, from earnings per share of 14p (14.9p).



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London shares fight back after Dow 'correction'

on the London stock market in the wake of Friday's 171-point fall on Wall Street. The damage limitation exercise carried out by market-makers proved highly effective in keeping the lid on things and by the close of business last night traders were rightly pleased with the market's performance.

A sharp markdown first thing in both bonds and equities had the desired effect. It kept potential sellers at bay while railroading other investors. As a result the damage was contained.

The FT-SE 100 index was down almost 50 points during the first few minutes. Just before the resumption of trading on Wall Street after the weekend break, the index hit its low point with a fall of 81.2 points. With the Dow Jones holding its own during early trading in volatile conditions, the index was able to haul itself off the bottom to close a net 35.8 down at 3,647.5. Shares traded reached 631 million, hardly the stuff of

raging bear markets. One trader in London summed it up: "Friday's fall on Wall Street was overdone. Traders have spent much of today catching up on the weekend papers"

Most traders in London had been expecting a correction on Wall Street sooner, rather than later. The Dow Jones average has risen more than 40 per cent in the past year and until Friday was up 10 per cent since January I alone. US Treasury bonds had been falling for the best part of two weeks. Something had to give, dealers said.

Blue chip stocks suffered double-digit losses, although managing to close above their worst. **Bardays** bank fell 19p to 714p, Burmah Castrol 18p to £10.20. Schroders 35p to £12.33, General Accident 22p to 620p, SmithKline Beecham 22p to 699p, and Legal & General 22p to 68lp.

Among those managing to resist the downward pressure elsewhere in the market was Hanson, up 3p at 1892p, as the buyers came in for the shares in both London and thwaite, the broker, continued to reiterate its buy stance. It value on the group of 224p a

sisted the downward pull with a rise of 30p to 477p following



Equity dealers at NatWest Markets in the City yesterday

confirmation at the weekend that it had been in bid talks with BT towards the end of last year. A report at the weekend said the talks had since been terminated. Brokers say the main sticking point was the outstanding 47 per cent stake in Hong Kong Telecom that C&W no longer owns. At last night's close of business C&W was valued at

City expectations. Brokers are again forecasting a small loss for the year after producing a deficit of E180.4 million last time. On Friday. Costain shares jumped 10p to 91p following a surge of speculative buying. The price closed yesterday 12p lower at 79p.

BET slipped lp to 19312p after publishing its defence document. The group has

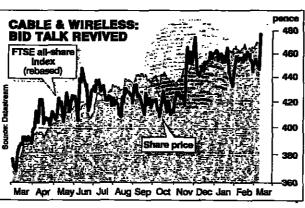
Allders, the department store chain, finished 3p dearer at 206p in a falling market. The share has run up from a low of 170p this year amid revived talk of a bid from the likes of Burton Group, unchanged at 133p. By the close a total of 788,816 shares had changed hands.

almost £10 billion. City speculators say C&W is back in play and expects BT to make an aggressive bid before long. BT was 2p cheaper at 361 2 p.

Costain, the construction group, pulled the rug out from underneath the speculators by claiming it knew of no reason for the recent sharp rise in its share price. It also pointed out that profits for the current year were likely to fall short of

rejected a £1.8 billion offer from Rentokil and promised shareholders a rise of 27.5 per cent in the dividend to 5.1p. This is the main plank in its defence in which BET continues to deride Rentokil's offer "wholly inadequate". Rentokil finished 4p easier at

It was not the best backdrop for British Vita to unveil fullyear figures. Pre-tax profits



million to £48.4 million before exceptional charges of £12.7 million. Shares of the polymers group ended the session 3p cheaper at 204p.

Laporte, lp firmer at 69lp.

failed to impress the City with its full-year figures, which were undermined by an £88.7 million charge for restructuring. Destocking left pre-tax profits £10.3 million lower at £113.2 million.

The City also gave a lukewarm reception to Fairey, where pre-tax profits climbed from £25.8 million to £34.2 million. The shares fell 10p to

Brokers were unnerved by the size of the provisions made by Rugby Group. 2p cheaper at 113p, in its full-year figures. The figure was in excess of £20 million, with the bulk of it relating to restructuring of its expanding US operation. The group revealed a drop in pretax profits last year from £76.1 million to £45.8 million.

Persimmon, housebuilder, which has just paid Trafalgar House £177 million for Ideal Homes, marked time at 196p despite the promise of substantial savings to emerge from the deal. Pre-tax profits last year dropped from £24.3 million to £22.8 million.

☐ GILT-EDGED: There was a further flattening of the yield curve after the longer end managed to claw back some of the earlier falls. Prices opened lower, reflecting the sharp falls in US Treasury bonds late on Friday. After reaching their lows in London around lunchtime, the market was able to claw back most of the losses after T-bonds found support in resumed business.

In the futures pit, the June series of the Long Gilt touched £1031116, before ending the session just three ticks off at E1043 A total of 86,000 contracts were completed. The longer end of the mar-

ket enjoyed a late run to trim back the losses by the close to iust a few ticks. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 finished three ticks better at £962332, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 lost £1532 at □ NEW YORK: Wall Street

bounced back from Friday's big fall, with investors concentrating on technology and cyclical shares. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 38.65 points higher at

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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

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Leisure has its limits

LEISURE property is hot and investors cannot afford to wait while the muses at the Accounting Standards Board come to a conclusion about the depreciation of investment property. Last week, J D Wetherspoon. a go-go pubs investor took the plunge and decided to write down the value of its pubs every year. Fixtures and fittings over six years, leases over their life but astonishingly. Wetherspoon is taking 2 per cent off the value of its freeholds every year.

Yesterday, the extent of the disagreement was highlighted by Allied Domecq's plan to spend £150 million on new pubs. The company does not depreciate licensed premises and has no plans to do so. But with more than 52 billion tied up in retailing assets. Allied's potential depreciation charge could be huge. A cynic might suggest that the diminutive Wetherspoon is expanding so fast that it needs to reassure investors. However. the issue is more complex. Property companies that revalue buildings annually see no need to take a charge to profits. Values are already adjusted in the balance sheet However a trading company that is being valued by the market on earnings, not assets, should be treated differently. A pub is not an investment property but a business in a changing market. Refurbishment of restaurants and pubs is expensive - sums of £500,000 are not unusual — and themed operations need five-year reviews.

Investors should not rely on assurances from Allied that Big Steak Pubs and Wacky Warehouse play barns are worth their book value. They should be written down, if not by Allied Domecq, then by the market.

Sketchlev

ON DOZENS of decaying high streets and wind-swept town centre shopping precincts, Sketchley has given up the fight. The fault is not just 1970s planning blight, but a ruthless competitor. The aggressive newcomer is not new at all but our old friend, the family business, which is able to offer a level of service that cannot be matched using economies of scale.

Opening early and closing late is not an easy option. To make the numbers work, a multiple needs to ensure that the increased staff costs will yield a substantial gain in revenue. However, insensitive planning in town centres has turned busy high streets into pedestrian precincts that are deserted after 5pm, and landlords are not adjusting rents accordingly. In the cir-cumstances, Sketchley has

sensibly decided to follow its customers out of town.

The deal with Sainsbury is about footfall. Sketchley will pay a rent with a turnover kicker and in return Sainsbury will provide a massive throughput of potential customers.

After stealing business from newsagents it was only matter of time before the

superstores added dry cleaning to their portfolio, and Sketchley probably has little choice but to join forces with a major grocer. However. the move is a further blow to the high street. If landlords wish to avoid a further exodus from town centres by service providers, they will have to be more flexible in pricing property.

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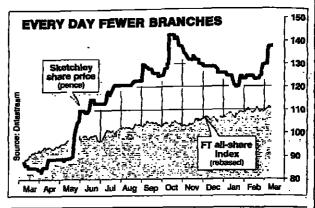
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Laporte

LAPORTE has some way to go before it quells the shock waves from last December's profit warning. The new chief executive was no doubt keen to rapidly rearrange the furniture in his new office. Nonperforming factories have been shut down and people who may or may not fit that description have left the company or will leave over the

Laporte's performance last year was not as bad as was feared in December. The businesses still enjoyed organic growth of 8 per cent and double-digit margins. The main culprit was typically poor stock management in the chemical industry. Faced with rising prices, Laporte's customers grew their stocks too quickly and too fast. That caused a shock to Laporte when its ambitions came up against the reality of consumer demand.

A bigger worry is whether Laporte's investment pro-

gramme will pay off. World demand is slowing and the company has not delivered huge returns so far from its big investments, some of which the new chief executive has decided to shut down or

Laporte is operating in some high-growth markets. such as microprocessors and pigments. But to achieve target returns of 25 per cent, the company will need some help from the market. In the short term. Laporte will get a boost from cutting, but that is the easy part of the job.

British Vita

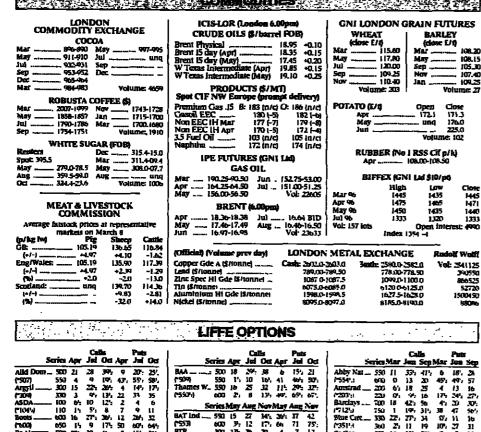
BRITISH VITA juggles with two imponderables: the chemical cycle and fickle consumer demand. To its credit, the company, which supplies foam and polymers to automotive, household and industrial manufacturers, did not buckle under the strain when the odds began stacking ominously against it last year. It took radical surgery,

scaled back operations in Germany, pumped invest-ment into Eastern Europe, and abandoned businesses where it lacked critical mass. Yesterday's dip in profits show the severity of the chemical cycle but belie the restoration work at British

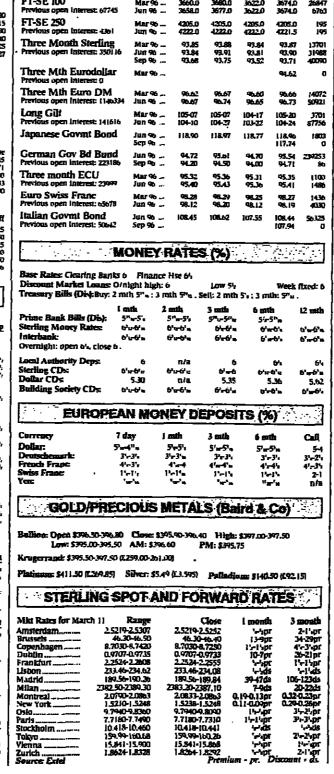
Price volatility is calming and, along with the pick-up in Western economies, will enable British Vita's margins to pick up to something like their previous level. Restructuring of its operations should be fully complete by the end of this year, by which time we can expect the economic pendulum to start swinging back in British Vita's favour.

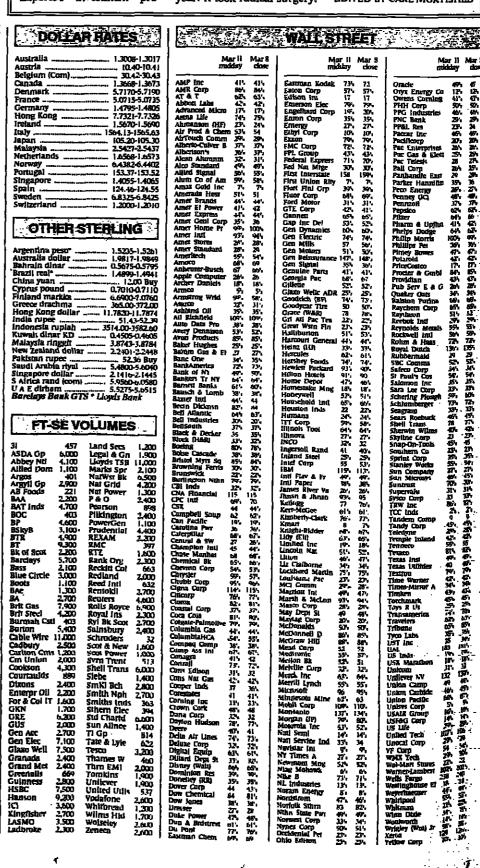
The leaner and more focused version of the company, along with a changed management should enable it to maximise benefits from the upturn while minimising exposure to the next

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Round-up at Northumbrian

NORTHUMBRIAN Water, under fire recently for several serious supply breakdowns, vesterday announced it was diversifying into horse-trading. About two dozen horses have been doing a spot of illegal grazing on land belonging to the company at Low Wadsworth near Bishop Auckland, County Durham, and Northumbrian has had enough. We've posted notices giving whoever owns the horses until today to come and get them. "If they don't, we've got a horse catcher to round them up and we will sell them to the public," a spokesman said.

Taylor maid

CHOOSING names for a baby is never easy. Football teams, pop stars and other celebrities all provide inspiration but for the Jones family in Sydney it was a building. They were so impressed by Harrington Park, Taylor Woodrow's new complex outside the city that they named their new baby girl Taylor. She has since been "adopted" by Taylor Woodrow (Australia) as part of its 75th anniversary celebrations. Housing complex and baby both reported to be doing well.

Poetry corner HIGH Street banks can be

human, even lyrical. Joan Woolard of Fleet, Lincolnshire, recently wrote in rhyme to Barclays head office and received the following from the chair-man's office: We recognise the efforts that they have made. And trust foundations have now been laid. For a successful future, which will be seen,

efforts of a winning team. She awards Barciays seven out of ten for effort minus one for addressing



Good old days

IT WAS back to the Eighties last night as scantily clad models, their bodies covered in dollar, yen, DM and sterling symbols, mingled with guests at the launch of CNBC, Europe's first 24-hour business news television service. The gilt-edged invitation list at the Criterion was put to the test and played Trivial Pursuit financialstyle, fielding questions from the gals on stocks and shares. The winner won a Saab.

Squeezed in

WITH only a millimetre to spare on either side, it took almost two hours to edge the new Jaguar XK8 through the front door of the Royal College of Art. where it was unveiled yesterday . Shrouded in mystique, the much-hyped motor was draped in a heavy red blanket and kept under the watchful eye of a burly team of eight. The only disturbance was caused by a gaggle of excited teenagers, frantically in search of the pop duo PJ & Duncari, who were putting in an appearance at the Albert Hall next door.

Seen on the back of a truck travelling at 5mph through M25 roadworks: Motorway Construction making jams since 1980.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Back to the future for key to unemployment v'feel-good'

Philip Bassett

tries to find a relationship between votes

and job losses

The Government will tomorrow announce what ministers hope will be the 30th successive monthly fall in claimant unemployment in a further move towards what may well be the return of the economic "feel-good" factor in good time for the forthcoming general election.

Though they tend to be divided about exactly how unemployment affects politics, most political rune-readers accept that the number of people out of work plays a key part in the view of the economy which tends to be a central factor in electors decisions about how they will vote.

Unemployment is primarily a function of the economic cycle - though the much earlier fall in the number of people out of work in the recovery from the recession of the early 1990s suggests that the relationship of unemployment to the business cycle is now more complicated than it used to be, and that greater labour market flexibility may be making that relationship

much harder to gauge. But economic cycles also reflect at least in part political imperatives: few economists now do not associate the overheating of the UK economy in the late 1980s with the overstimulation applied by Nigei Lawson, the then Chancellor. Unemployment is part of that - and the Government's political opponents now use the pattern of unemployment over the lifetime of the Conservative administration as part of their pre-election charges

against it. Ministers believe that with unemployment falling, and the number of jobs growing, the labour market is less of a political factor than it used to

In that time, the Conservatives have been he most sucessful political party, winning 15 general elections, and forming eight continuous administrations. Labour has won eight elections, and formed a continuous administration five times though sometimes for very short periods, such as its first government from January to November in 1924. The Liberals formed an administration once in the period, and there were two periods of coalition or national government. There are statistical prob-

UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE POLITICAL CYCLE UNEMPLOYMENT PER YEAR AND THE GOVERNMENT Coelition TOWARD MALE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
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lems with data running so far back: though unemployment rates are reliable for more than a century, statisticallyreliable figures on unemployment levels have only been collected properly since 1922; so all references to Conservative and Labour levels of unemployment are to levels under administrations of both parties since then. Both main political parties will be able to claim some success over unemployment over the long term, though in each case any such success is heavily couched. So though Conserva-

tive governments managed to bring unemployment down from the two startlingly high peak periods of the century, in the 1920s and 1930s, and ment rates are by and

whichever political Technically, the avercent respectively, while average unemployment in the 1980s, including the recovery late in the decade, was much lower, at 10 per cent.

But when actual unemployment levels are seen, the picture changes - and the focus on recent Conservative years becomes sharper. Though the unemployment rate in the 1980s was lower than in the 1920s and 1930s, the actual level of unemployment was much higher: in 1986, unadjusted annual unemployment hit an average of 3.29 million, compared with a high point in the

ten only part of an economic cycle. In this case, it means that for Labour, the average rise in unemployment is much higher — more than 512000, or more than 80 per cent. Not only, though, are many Labour rises from a low base, but time looks like a key factor here: at what point do particular office — and, accordingly, what economic climate, including the level and rate of change of unemploy-

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from their redecessor. One point clearly shown by the illustration, for instance, is he startling effect on unemployment of a good war. Not just because of the high death toll but also the high levels

ment, they inherit

of production and output to service the war effort tend to give almost full employment. Equally, the post-war effect of unemployment is marked, with the number of jobless tending to rise sharply once war is over. In 1945, and to a lesser extent in the 1920s, voters turned to Labour as offering a hopeful alternative. The result is that the post-war Labour government in particular pre-sided over a startling 200+ per cent rise in the level of unemployment from 1945 to 1950. Even so, compared with pres-

unemployment across the lion, a rise from 131,000 to 403,400 looks relatively small years of its administration is about 84,000, or 3.3 per cent. beer, though it inevitably That, though, partly reflects pushes up the overall average rise in unemployment under Labour. The analysis also the length of some Conservative administrations. Longrunning Conservative governallows a test of opposition ments, such as that since 1979, politicians' claims of the ratchet effect of modern unemploycan cover a number of economic cycles, so end-to-end ment, in electoral terms: measures such as overall rises vhether unemployment is higher when a government of a particular political complexor falls in unemployment can miss big changes in between.

> Looking at unemployment levels for which figures are available, unemployment has risen under six Conservative administrations — and fallen in just two. By contrast, unemployment has increased under every Labour government, bar its first, short-lived administration under Ramsay Mac-

ion leaves office than when it

Donald, when it fell by 95,500. or just over 7 per cent. What does all this show? Mostly, it gives detail to common views - such as unemployment rising under Labour most especially, that in spite of rising unemployment when Labour is in power, Labour's unemployment rates are lower. What it does not show is anything about causality: whether policies pursued by individual governments push unemployment up or down, and whether falling or rising unemployment is a significant factor in electoral outcomes.



So far, so good still bullish

o history did not repeat Sitself. There was no Black Monday - or even Grey Monday follow last week's toneddown re-enactment of that memorable Friday in 1987, when Wall Street fell by 4 per cent while the London stock market was shut down by a hurricane. World stock markets reacted calmly to the setback on Wall Street.

Lentings

The American pundits and politicians who have been virtually unanimous in urging the public not to worry, have apparently been proved right. So far. The British fund managers who have been predicting a crash on Wall Street ever since the Dow Jones industrial average took off like a rocket at 4,000 have been apparently proved wrong. So far.

I say "apparently" and "so far because financial markets yield up their mysteries to no one and all judgments about their behaviour must be provisional. As I write this column the Dow is bouncing back and looking as if it would end the day at around 5,500. But for all 1 know it will suddenly crash by another 200 points between the time I leave the office and the close in New York at 9pm London time.

Those of us who were in New York for an authentic "Black Monday experience" will never forget the story about Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, who boarded a flight from Washington to Texas at lunchtime, when the Dow was only 200 points down. When he got off the plane he immediately asked one of his assistants to find out how Wall Street had closed. "It was down five-oheight," came the answer, "So you see you can never predict the market," remarked the bemused Fed chairman, after all that panic it bounced back and ended

just five points down." But in spite of my tentative phrasing regular readers of my personal sympathies at present lie with the American bulls and against the City bears. I believe that Wall Street since mid-February has been going through a temporary correction. This may well take the Dow down a further 200 points. But eventually the correction will give way to another powerful advance. I think that the same basically bullish outlook applies to London.

My reasoning can be summarised in one sentence: American and British shares will do well because the American and British economies are getting stronger. At first sight, this statement seems to conflict with the oftrepeated market "wisdom" that stock markets fall in response to economic growth — a paradox apparently confirmed by the way Wali Street collapsed last week after unexpectedly strong figures on employment. The true market wisdom, however, is not so simple.

Stock markets do not abhor economic growth — that is only true of bond markets. Equity investors actually love the rising profits that come from economic growth. What they dislike are the high interest rates that rapid growth frequently. but not invariably, produces. Whether growth provokes higher interest rates depends on whether the Government is trying to foster a stronger economy or to repress infla-

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The reason for being fundamentally bullish is that America and Britain both seem to be on course for a period of decent growth without rapid inflation or sharply rising interest rates. Sooner or later the economies will doubtless overheat. But I believe this danger period lies well ahead and that neither interest rates nor inflation will remotely approach the peaks of the

istory also suggests that a rise in longterm interest rates should not be seen as a signal to sell. Equities and bonds have almost never moved simultaneously into bear markets. Looking at the past 30 years, the average lag between the peaks in bonds and equities has been six months in Britain.

So let us suppose, for argument's sake, that longterm interest rates are now heading inexorably upwards - and this is by no means certain, especially in Britain. Even then, the buils could have several more months and hundreds more points -

be. But Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal Democrats' economic in the 1980s, those spokesman, says that unempeaks were reached ployment now is still higher under Conservative than when the Conservatives administrations. And came to power in 1979 - and though unemploythat voters know that. long-run analysis of unemwhen Labour is in ployment, measuring the power, some of the accelerations in unemnumber out of work from 1900 against the UK's 20th century ployment have been very rapid under Labpolitical cycles. Using Government figures, it shows the our governments. Averages sometimes pattern of unemployment against the pattern of politics. distort stories, but The main illustration, based though unemployon Central Statistical Office ment inevitably rises and falls, on average, figures, shows the unadjusted annual average UK unemjoblessness rises ployment rate for each year Lawson: blamed for the overheating since 1900, against the timespan of governments elage unemployment rates for 1920s of 1.44 million and 2.81 ected at each general election.

the years of Conservative and Labour governments are not that different - but those averages mask some very high levels of unemployment under the Conservatives. For instance, the extraordinary unemployment rates seen in the 1920s and 1930s overshadow even those of the recent Conservative years. In the years of the depression, average unemployment rates for each decade — the accompanying graphic shows the unemployment rate for each ten-year span this century — were 12 and 15 per million in the 1930s.

Unemployment levels are lower under Labour. In the years of Conservative governments, unemployment this century averaged 1.4million. By contrast, average annual unemployment levels under Labour are about 770,000. With unemployment lower under Labour, inevitably when increases start to come, they look startlingly high though many are rises from a relatively low base. When the Conservatives form the Government, the average rise in

BUSINESS LETTERS

Lloyd's offer must be raised to end saga of problems leads everyone into believing

From Miss Mero Tetby Sir, Lloyd's of London demonstrates yet again how out of touch with reality it is - this time in its implied generosity to names in order for all who seek finality to achieve it "Lloyd's aims to make exit easier , March 7).

The fact is that names who

to Lloyd's towards their purported losses have already maximised their borrowing against their homes. Many rely solely on their retirement income to survive. They simply don't have either the collateral against which to borrow or the income necessary to repay further loans.

Lloyd's deliberately mishave paid as much as they can

Magnanimous way to woo embittered names

From Mr Michael Williams Sir, Robert Hiscox (Business Letters, March 7) is quite right to demand magnanimity in the resolution of the current Lloyd's debacle. His plea is, however, sadly misdirected and I suggest that he now reach for the mirror and demands that maximum resource be assembled to fund the compensation pot, itself inevitably inadequate, since, however increased, it can never equate to the Ell billion losses incurred largely through the negligence which has characterised the Lloyd's

Magnanimity demands simply that the pot be expand-

ed by the circa £600 million windfall profits which will accrue to the members' agents in the 1993/4/5 profit release. These agents already have their fees. The managers will also have their profits on these three years as working names. It is iniquitous that they repeat it to himself. Justice should benefit from further reward when most of their names will be funding further losses. A donation of the whole £600 million pot might just be the magnanimous gesture which sways the hearts of embittered names behind the settlement formula. Yours faithfully. MICHAEL WILLIAMS,

32 Riverside Court,

Nine Elms Lane, SW8.

that the reconstruction and renewal plan (R&R) is the best offer it can make. The £2.8 billion sounds impressive, but those who have the facts know that it is not. It is far from adequate and must be increased substantially if Lloyd's genuinely wishes to resolve its self-inflicted problems and to continue to trade.

Does Lloyd's seriously believe that it will have no blood on its hands when names fail to raise the necessary funds for finality, when they are made homeless and when the inland Revenue bankrupts them for being unable to pay the tax on the Debt-Credits contained in the so-called R&R? Names who firmly believe

that they have a case against Lloyd's et al must unite, must gird their loins and must continue to fight until a realistic offer is made or, failing this, until true justice is achieved hrough litigation. This is not the offer that will provide finality. Yours faithfully, MERO TETBY, Brickle Farm,

College Farm Road,

Belton-in-Rutland.

Workfare vote From Greville Janner, QC.

ent unemployment at 2.2 mil-

MP for Leicester West (Labour), and Sir Ralph Howell, MP for Norfolk North

(Conservative). Sir, Your account of the important report of the Commons **Employment Select Commit**tee on the Right to Work/Workfare was incorrect "Dole queue costs £24bn a year", March 8). It stated that the report was carried on the

casting vote of the chairman. This is not true. Although there were amendments carried on the casting vote of the chairman, we would like to make it clear that the report of the committee, which consisted of six Conservative and five Labour members, was carried unanimously.

The report clearly called for the Government to institute a pilot scheme, based on the Right to Work Bill presented by Sir Ralph Howell and Mr Frank Field, and also that the highly successful Workstart schemes should be made available nationwide. Yours sincerely, GREVILLE JANNER RALPH HOWELL, House of Commons, SWI

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The fully rounded trainee

TODAY hundreds of would-be lawyers will descend on Telford in Shropshire for The Times Law and Finance Fair. Despite competition for trainee places, law is still a popular career. But what kind of lawyer is emerging from the profession's one-year vocational course? SCOTT SLORACH reports on the findings of a survey on solicitor training for the next century

have two pieces of good news. First, those who write copy for solicitors' trainee recruitment bro-. chures need never again agonise over the relevant merits of a "team player" over someone who can "act independently on what makes the ideal trainee solicitor and will reveal all at the end of this article. Secondly, and more importantly, most solicitors and trainee are satisfied with the Legal Practice Course (LPC), the year-long course that prepares prospective solicitors for the start of their training contract.

That is the main conclusion drawn from the responses of 850 trainees and solicitors in a research project by Notting-ham Law School. But the project also found that the LPC could improve further to meet the needs of the profession, so that trainees are even better prepared - a view held by

some City law firms. The LPC is now in its third year. It replaced the muchcriticised Law Society Finals (LSF) course, which was a knowledge-based, centrally examined course. The LPC was brought in to be more relevant: it teaches students substantive law and procedures, practical legal skills and professional conduct, and is assessed by those providing the course around the country.

There are more than 30 providers in England and Wales, each offering their own version of the LPC within areas defined by the Law Society, (This, and indeed the LPC's existence, still surprises many solicitors.)

The chief aim of the LPC is to prepare students to enter a two-year training contract with law firms that ultimately leads to qualification as a solicitor. The responses of solicitors and trainees show that it is meeting this objective; a particularly pleasing finding given the off-held belief that

Yet the LPC is to undergo a review by the Law Society, with relevant changes to take effect in September 1997. The results of Nottingham Law School's research suggest that this review must address cerbain areas. Solicitors always used to

have to learn accounts. There is strong support for bringing back an accounts course into the LPC, linked with promoting greater financial awareness. Accounts are currently covered on the Professional Skills Course, undertaken during the training contract.

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the purpose of the LPC is to equip students with all the relevant knowledge and skills needed for the training of a

As part of the research project, solicitors were asked to compare trainees who had completed the LSF with LPC trainees. The responses suggest the LPC has improved on the LSF. Most respondents stated that levels of knowledge and skills among LPC trainees are the same, or better than those with LSF.

Overall, both trainees and solicitors express satisfaction with the levels of knowledge and skills trainees gain from the LPC. So given its apparent success, it is tempting to let it rest on its legal laurels. After all, the LSF tuniversally accepted as flawed because of its teaching methods of rote and regurgitation) was allowed to run almost unchanged for 14

But there is clearly a need for trainees to understand, from the start of their contract, the financial and commercial aspects of transactions with

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in the concept of option subjects, to allow students to study chosen areas of law practised by the firm where they train. Though these have been a success, many trainees would like their LPC to be even more directed to their future career. Solicitors also indicated they would like their trainees to start with a greater back-ground knowledge of the areas of law that the firm practises. This could be achieved by offering different versions of the course, each directed and weighted towards a specific type of practice and tailored to

students' needs. The skills of writing, drafting and research are seen as of paramount importance for

trainees because of their frequent use in the training contract. The oral skills of negotiation, interviewing and advocacy are viewed as only slightly less important, but the opportunities to practise them come up less often. This suggests that the balance between the oral and written skills on the LPC needs to be considered. Some comments by solicitors suggest a fall in standards of writing among trainees; but it was also suggested that this reflects a general decline in standards of grammar and language in all stages of education.

A final area for consideration is that of the place of substantive law. Though statistics show that solicitors are generally satisfied with the legal knowledge of trainees. at is tempered by comment from others who suggest trainees are wanting in their overall

knowledge of substantive law. If so, it may be necessary to look at how such knowledge should be acquired. Students should acquire knowledge of the basic principles of contract law, torts, trusts and the like during their degree or equivalent course. The LPC should

mortgage securitisation; a sense of humour tempered by serious attitude; the combined skills of Edward de Bono. Bill Gates, a secondhand car salesman, Jeremy Paxman, Paul McKenna and a Fellow of All Souls; a burning desire to undertake only quality work; a devotion to their firm which rivals their love for their parents; and a need for sleep that rivals Napoleon on a particularly insomniant night. you can also pretend to know a lot about wine and opera when all around you do, too, you will be the perfect trainee.

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A case of crime as entertainment

fter a hard day dealing with unreasonable clients, irritable judges and im-A possible colleagues, lawyers like to relax: by watching television programmes in which fictional lawyers struggle against, and sometimes overcome, these barriers to fame,

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fortune and happiness. In the 1960s, Perry Mason conducted 284 trials on television as a defence attorney. He lost only one, and that conviction was reversed on appeal. In the 1990s, the audience is more knowledgeable, cynical and demanding. Rumpole of the Bailey and Kavanagh QC now tell us more about lawyers than Perry Mason would have thought decent. But no television drama has previously captured the tension, the drama and the raw unpredictability of legal practice as powerfully as Murder One, the second episode of which will be shown on BBC2 tonight.

Steven Bochco, creator of Hill Street Blues and LA Law, has produced a series of 23

episodes in which the Los Angeles defence lawyer Ted Hoffman (played by Daniel Benzali) defends his client against a charge of murder. In episode one, Hoffman was acting for Richard Cross, a philanthropist who owns a building in Hollywood in which a 15-year-old girl, Jessica Costello, was raped and murdered. There is no evidence of forced entry to her apartment. Cross is having a sexual rela-tionship with Jessica's sister. He told the police that he had not been in the building for a week, but a security videotape recorded him leaving the scene at about the time the crime was committed. The police charge him with murder.

The charge is not pursued because another woman comes forward to say that she was with Cross that night, and when they arrived at the building, Jessica was already dead. A murder charge is then brought against another of Hoffman's clients, Neil Avedon, a film star addicted to alcohol and drugs, who had sex with Jessica on the night she was murdered. Cross mysteriously agrees to allow Hoffman to represent Avedon, even though Hoffman warns Cross that it may well be necessary for him, as Avedon's lawyer, to suggest to the jury that Cross was the

As the series develops (it is also being broadcast on Sky Movies, Sundays at 9pm, where it has now reached episode ten), Murder One presents a vivid portrait of a legal world, public and private, which retains only a precarious link with truth, justice and sanity. When Hoffman enters court on behalf ot Avecton to plea-bargain a charge of strangling a swan in a hotel lobby, he can only "hope that the judge is in a good mood". After

approach the bench, and inquires of him: Don't you sometimes make yourself sick?" Young lawyers in Hoffman and Associates scheme and manipulate to be chosen for "the second chair". The media are obsessed with what they call "the Goldilocks murder", and make it difficult for Avedon to receive

a fair trial. Hoffman struggles to maintain his integrity in a world full of unprincipled sharks, some of them in legal practice. Hoffman knows the law, but he also knows his way around the city. When the District Attorney, anxious about his pending election campaign, suggests to Hoffman that "there's a deal to be struck here", Hoffman replies: "Not one that helps my client." He tells his mendacious clients that "the whole truth is a pretty ambitious goal. But do tell me the truth I need

The trials of Hoffman are compelling even if the pressures he faces are outside the range of experience of most lawyers. When Hoffman arrives home, his wife tells him that "CNN called five times and Nigel somebody from the London Times needs you to call him back as soon as possible". The solicitors representing the Prince and Princess of Wales will know the feeling. Perhaps they have given their clients the advice proffered by Hoffman to Avedon: "Go home, lock your door, don't talk to anyone, and, if you get bored, read a book."

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One of the pleasures to be derived from Murder One is the opportunity to see again some distinguished members of Steven Bochco's repertory

company of actors. Joe Spano (Detective Henry Goldbloom, in Hill Street Blues) plays an investigator working on behalf of Hoff-man. Barbara Bosson (Mrs Fay Furillo, in Hill Street Blues) is Miriam Grasso, the Deputy DA responsible for prosecuting the Avedon case. Any resemblance to Marcia Clark, prosecutor in the O.J. Simpson trial, is far from accidental.

When Hoffman has finished his day's work (dealing with a traitor in the office, or negotiating terms for a television interview with his foolish client), his wife Annie turns off the TV news, which is leading on the latest speculation about the case. She comments, bitterly: "It's crime as entertainment. The whole idea of justice goes out of the window."

As Murder One continues, we will have the opportunity to give our own verdict on whether all those conspiring to promote "crime as entertainment" for the public are guilty of causing serious harm to justice.

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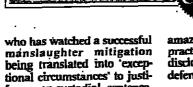
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Judges show their clause

WHETHER or not Michael Howard is forced to amend his sentencing plans after last week's onslaught by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, judges may have their own methods of getting around minimum sentences.

The knack has been highlighted by Anne Rafferty, QC the chairman of the Criminal Bar Association. In the March CBA newsletter she says the Home Secretary's proposals are "wrong" and foolish". She adds: "The remaining nail in the coffin must be the escape clause. The judiciary is well-practised in continuing to bring the facts within an 'exceptional' category - ask any barrister



fy a non-custodial sentence. They will do the same if need be to circumvent legislation which they find constrictive of their independence."

Chinese justice

BARBARA Mills, QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, returns today from a ten-day trip to China where she has been enlightening the prosecuting authorities and legal profession on aspects of criminal justice in Britain.

A spokesman for the CPS said: "I think they have been

amazed to hear about such practices as the prosecution disclosing evidence to the

Size matters

THE Law Society is at last overcoming delays in the issu-ing of practising certificates caused by problems with its

new computer system. But what really upset Mary Butler, a Sheffield solicitor, is that when she finally received her new certificate it was twice the size of the old one.

In a letter to the Law Society Gazette, she complains of the time wasted trying to fit it into her old frame. The loss of charging time as solicitors

across the country tackle the problem must be, she claimed, "monstrous". A partner at Bell & Buxton has since come up with a solution: "It will fit in the frame if you cut off the Law

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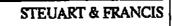
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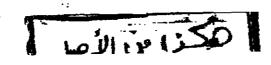
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David McIntosh believes the Law Society no longer has anything worthwhile to offer











Martin Mears, the current president, and distinguished former presidents Sir Desmond Heap, Sir David Napley, Sir Max Williams and Rodger Pannone

id Law Society members get it wrong when they voted Martin Martin Mears their president? In the light of continuing discord at Chancery Lane, were they influenced in his favour because of his anti-Establishment bias and declared determination to bring to an end the "Buggins's turn" approach towards my profession's high-

That approach, with only a few notable exceptions, has given the society some presidents whose biggest claim to recognition within the legal profession, let alone beyond, has been achieving that office.

What if the other candidate had been elected? Henry Hodge would have justified what seems from his CV to have been more than a lifetime of Law Society-type committee work for almost every conceivable good cause.

John Young, had he not been accused of sexual harassment, would also have qualified as a Chancery Lanemoulded president. Both would have fitted in with the "your turn next" attitude that has undermined the society's effectiveness. Eileen Pembridge would have had the distinction of being the first lady president at a time when 50 per cent of newly qualified solicitors are women.

At the moment Martin Mears will, at the very least, be remembered as someone brave enough to have taken on the vested interests at Chancery Lane. If he can rise above the petty spitefulness, about

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The trouble with our presidents

which Eileen Pembridge has publicly complained, and provide the leadership he promised in the face of an embarrassed council, a mould which has not served the solicitors' profession at all well will have been broken.

The Law Society's election process towards the office of president has rarely produced the right person for the occa-

sion. How many members eligible to vote in the recent election who read this piece will be able to reel off from memory even the last five of our presidents? At the risk of being

invidious only Sir Desmond Heap (1972-73) of Corporation of London fame: Sir

David Napley (1976-77), criminal practitioner par excellence; Sir Max Williams (1982-83), senior partner in one of our largest law firms; and Rodger Pannone (1993-94), included by The Sunday Times as one the individuals likely to influence society at the millennium, spring to my mind as presidents the vast majority of their fellow practitioners knew about for reasons unconnected with serving on Law Society

Lord Goodman, the solicitor with the greatest public claim to fame over the past 40 years, and somebody who would regularly have won any Law Society presidential opinion

poll, was never in the pecking order for the job when many lesser solicitors were. Was this merely because the possibility of working through the society's electoral machine was a

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dismal prospect for somebody with so much else to offer? And how many other outstanding candidates have been lost because their priorities have been to get on with their livelihoods instead of pains-

takingly laying the founda-tions for professional office? The Bar of England and Wales, because its leader is elected from its top practitioners - not from committee men on a "you're next" basis has regularly enjoyed distinguished leadership from individuals who have already won

the approbation of their pro-Notwithstanding the wind of change which Mr Mears's contested victory heralded, solicitors are still likely for some time to suffer from a spate of local Law Society and Chancery Lane-made presidents. This is because thus far Mr Mears has failed to impress in

representing the best interests of my pro-fession. He campaigned for office on the basis that the Law Society had become too bloated and out of touch with ordinary solicitors and yet, with his deputy Robert Sayer,

seems himself to be out of touch with the needs of the lifeblood of my profession its clients. Mr Mears's calls for quota

controls over the number of students wishing to qualify as solicitors, and his campaigning, with Mr Sayer, against those who advertise their willingness to undertake cut-price conveyancing, while failing to discourage distasteful advertising and the buying of lists of accident victims' names from middlemen by ambulance chasers, smacks of a trade

union-style "jobs for the boys" approach which does nothing for the reputation of my side of the legal profession.

Continuing problems, such as being at loggerheads with Sue Stapely, the Law Society's chief PRO, play into the hands of the "Bugginses" already in the system who are awaiting their deferred turns. They will continue to stand in the way of "outsiders" who have outstanding reputations as lawvers and who, if they led my profession, would enhance. not just adorn, it.

Had the last election not been confined to a choice from among council members, perhaps candidates of greater allround appeal would have emerged and more than 20 per cent of those of us eligible to vote would have done so. Such a small response to a postal ballot in itself smacks more of a protest than participation.

ow can the best available talent come through the council of the Law Society as the only possible choices for president when 35 per cent of all solicitors practise in London with only 20 per cent of seats allocated to them? This is a wholly unsatisfactory regional bias.

No wonder most solicitors did not care enough about the Law Society even to exercise their right to vote in its last presidential elections. At the moment many of us no longer believe the Law Society has anything worthwhile to offer. • The author is senior partner as

Battle of the beaches

sanctions been lifted on Serbia at the end of last month than London lawyers were in the country and working on

Eversheds was represented in a trade delegation to Yugoslavia (now consisting of just Serbia and Montenegro), led by Sir Nicholas Bonsor, a Foreign Office Minister. Mark Harrison, of Eversheds, says the firm is recognised as a "Yugoslav expert" because it was one of the few outfits to remain active in that part of the Balkans during the war.

Now the hostilities have ceased it expects to play a big part in the reconstruction process, especially on behalf of British companies. Many are keen to take part in the redevelopment of the country, Mr Harrison says. This includes work in Montenegro which hopes to re-build a sizeable tourist industry along its Adriatic coastline.

Although not quite such a honeypot as South-East Asia, the emerging markets of Central and Eastern Europe remain attractive to law firms. Five years after the fall of communism there is greater realism about the difficulties in developing business there, but as long as the local politicians can introduce a bit of order, then London lawyers are ready to contribute to the law.

rapidly growing phenomenon in Russia and is one of the first fruits of the free market. Sandy Shandro, the Clifford Chance partner who is leading the legal side of the project, says: "One of the things that Western investors want to know is what is going to happen to their money if their clients get into problems."

The legal framework for

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Mr Shandro says: "There

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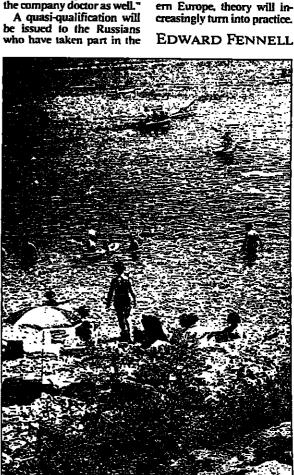
British lawyers are helping

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insolvency has been put together by the Russians and reflects a variety of Western contributions. Not all of them are consistent. Meanwhile, there is a lack of skilled professionals who can steer ailing companies through their difficulties.

are 25 people on the training programme and they represent the embryo of a new insolvency profession in Russia. They are gaining mixed skills — not just legal and accounting but those of the company doctor as well."

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Past and present: now the new Yugoslavia wants to revive tourism along its Adriatic coastline

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Justice Ward Judgment March 5 A mother's adamant refusal of consent to undergo blood testing

for herself and her child to establish its paternity was not deter-minative of the issue whether the alleged putative father's application for a direction under section 20(1) of the Family Law Reform Act 1969 should be granted or refused.

Accordingly, despite the mother's refusal, the court could in the exercise of its discretion make a direction for the use of blood tests. An inference adverse to the refusing party could be drawn irrespective of whether the refusal was made before or after a direction by

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by a mother from the decision of Judge Coningsby, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge on August 8. 1995 whereby he ordered that the applicant, the mother and the child H. born on December 4, 1994. provide blood samples pursuant to purpose of DNA tests to ascertain nether such tests showed that the applicant was or was not excluded

The applicant, who alleged that he was the putative father of the child, had sought an order giving directions for blood tests under section 20(i) because the mother opposed his application for a parental responsibility order and a

having a sexual relationship with the applicant at about the time the child was conceived, she was also having a sexual relationship with her husband and she disputed that the applicant was the father.

In 1990 the husband underwent a vasectomy although he did not return for the second test to check the success of that operation. In March 1994 the mother became pregnant and in the early two or three months of the pregnancy there was a clear understanding that she and the applicant would live together and that he would move into the matrimonial home with her when the husband left as he did in May 1994.

In July, she changed her mind and terminated the affair. A year later the husband and the wife

Section 20 of the 1969 Act provides: "(1) In any civil proceedngs in which the paternity of any person falls to be determined by the court hearing the proceeding the court may on an apolication by any party to the proceedings, give a direction for the use of blood tests to ascertain whether such tests show that a party to the proceed-ings is or is not thereby excluded from being the father of that

Section 21 provides: "(l) . blood sample which is required to be taken from any person for the purpose of giving effect to a not he taken from that person Section 25 provides: "(I) Where a court gives a direction under section 20 . . . and any person fails to take any step required of him for the purpose of giving effect to the direction, the court may draw such inferences, if any, from that fact as appears proper in the

Miss Patricia Scotland, OC and Miss Deborah Archer for the mother; Mr Bruce Blair, QC and Mr Richard Todd for the

LORD JUSTICE WARD said that the following issues arose on I Was refusal to undergo blood testing determinative of the application for a direction under

ection 20(1)? 2 Could an inference adverse to the refusing party be drawn only if the had directed the use of blood

3 How did the child's welfare influence the decision? 4 How did the prospects of success in the proceedings influence the 5 What were the child's best

In In re F (a Minor) (Blood tests. Parental rights) [[1993] Fam 314) the Court of Appeal posed the question but might not have given

interests?

in In re G (a Minor) (Blood test) (1994) 1 FLR 495) Mr Michael Horowitz, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge answered the question "No" but in In re C B (a Minor) (Blood test) ([1994] 2 FLR 762) Mr Justice Wall said "Yes".

Section 20 did not empower the court to order blood tests, still less to take blood from an unwilling party. All it did was permit a direction for the use of blood tests to ascertain paternity.

The actual order made in the present case that the applicant, the mother and the child "do provide blood samoles" was wrongly drawn. It should be varied to provide that "it is directed pursuant to section 20 of the Family Law Reform Act 1969 that blood tests be used to ascertain whether the applicant is or is not excluded form being the father of the child".

If refusal simpliciter were a determinative reason for not giving the direction, then the Act would surely have said so. On the contrary, the express provisions made it clear that Parliament was content to envisage a direction being made notwithstanding that it might never be carried into

The legislature would not have made express provision that a refusal to comply with the direc-tion had a specified consequence if a refusal to submit to tests would have compelled the court not to make any direction at all.

that indirect means, namely, the ability to draw such inference as might be proper from the refusal to any step required of the party for the purpose of giving effect to His Lordship concluded, there-

Section 23(1) expressly provided

Wall in In re CB. Judge Coningsby had not misdirected 2 Could an inference be drawn only if the refusal to give blood samples was made after the

factor to take into account it could

not be determinative of the

with the conclusion of Mr Justice

application and would disagree

court's direction? Mr Blair supported the judge's conclusion that "because of the

existence of the statutory provision it must be only in the circum-stances in which an adverse inference may be drawn as laid down in the Act that any such inference can be drawn and this cannot happen outside the Act". His Lordship saw the force of that and at first was inclined to accept the submission that if there

was a statutory scheme, then the statutory scheme was the only operative scheme. Mr Blair submitted that the Act permitted an inference to be drawn hich until then the court had not been able to do. His Lordship did not agree that that introduced a

change to the law of evidence. Within the criminal law a refusal without reasonable excuse to supply hair samples for scientific examination had been held capable of amounting to corroboration.

The question seemed to his Lordship to be not so much whether a court was entitled to what, if any, inference could be on from a refusal. His Lordbetween the two situations.

Common sense seemed to dictate that if the truth could be established with certainty, a refusal to produce certainty justified some inference that the refusal was made to hide the truth, even if the inference was not as strong as when the court's direction was

Although the judge was wrong, was not such a fundamental misdirection as incluctably to undermine his decision. It was not enough by itself to allow the

3 How did consideration of the child's welfare influence the The judge correctly directed himself that he should refuse the

test if satisfied it would be against the child's interest to order it It was clear, from S v McC [1972] AC 24) that whereas welfare as the paramount consideration in deciding the applications for parental responsibility and contact orders, welfare did not dominate the blood testing decision.

4 How did the prospects of success in the proceedings in-fluence the decision? Reading the relevant authorities, it seemed to his Lordship that the correct approach must be:
(a) The paternity issue must be judged as a free standing applica-tion entitled to consideration on its

(b) The outcome of the proceedings in which the paternity issue had been raised, in so far as it bore preventing any disturbance to his security had to be balanced against

the loss to him of the certainty of knowing who he was. (d) The terms of section 10(4) of the Children Act 1989 were explicit in giving a parent a right to apply for contact because they provided The following persons are entitled

to apply to the court for any section 8 order with respect to a child — (a) any parent ... of the child. .. " There was no statutory justification for transforming the paternity issue into a disguised application

for leave to apply and judging the paternity issue by the criteria set out in section 10(9). (e) Accordingly, while the out-come of the section 8 proceedings and the risk of disruption to the child's life both by the continuance of the paternity issue as well as the

obviously factors which impinged on the child's welfare, they were not, in his Lordship's judgment, determinative of the blood testing question. What were the child's best

pursuit of the section 8 order were

In his Lordship's judgment every child had a right to know the truth unless his welfare clearly

justified the cover up.

The right to know was acknowledged in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Treaty Series No 44 of 1992) (Cm 1976) which had been ratified particular article 7 which provided that a child had "as far as possible. the right to know and be cared for

Power of court to order blood tests to determine paternity by his or her parents". Section 56 of the Family Law Act 1986 gave H the right to apply for a declaration "(a) that a person named in the

prolication is or was his parent or (b) that he is the legitimate child of his parents". If, as she should, the mother was to bring up her children to believe and act by the maxim, which was her duty to teach them at her knee.

then she should not sabotage that lesson by living a lie. If the child had a right to know, then the sooner it was told the parentage should be divorced from

that honesty was the best policy,

sychological parentage. Acknowledging the applicant's parental responsibility should not dent the husband's social responsibility for a child whom he was so admirably prepared to care for and love irrespective of whether or not he was the father.

If the cracks in the marriage were so wide that they would be rent asunder by the truth then the piece of paper which dismissed the application hardly seemed adhe-sive enough to bind them together. If H grew up knowing the truth,

he would cope with knowing he had two fathers. Better that than a time-bomb ticking away. Accordingly, his Lordship would

that would not undermine his

dismiss the appeal. Lord Justice Neill agreed.

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Walking possession justifies breaking in

McLeod v Butterwick Before Judge Roger Cooke

[Judgment February 13] Where a sheriff already had walking possession of goods under a writ of fieri facias and, seeking to gain actual possession of the goods he found the householder away he found the householder away and the house locked, he could lawfully break the lock in order to gain access to the house to seize the

Judge Roger Cooke, sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division, so held on a motion issued by Mrs Sally McLeod against Antony J. Butterwick, then High Sheriff of Greater London, seeking an injunction to restrain him from selling various goods and effects which were removed from her home at Berkeley Avenue. Greenford, Ealing, on December 19. 1995 and from entering her house unless by order of a court of competent jurisdiction made on notice after an inter partes

Mrs McLeod in person; Mr David Eady, QC and Miss Phi-lippa Whipple for the sheriff.

HIS LORDSHIP said that Mrs McLeod was indebted to a judg-ment creditor in the sum of E7,295.43. When the debt was not paid the judgment creditor issued a writ of fieri facias to the Sheriff of

On January 24, 1995 the sheriff's officers attended the plaintiff's premises, obtained peaceable entry and made a formal seizure of various goods. By a judgment of Mr Nigel Baker, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Be Division on December 13, 1995, it was held that that amounted to taking walking possession of the

iff's officer came to Mrs McLeod's

and the house was locked. The sheriff's officer called a locksmith and broke in. He removed the goods and then installed other locks to make the premises secure.

Mrs McLeod now sought to restrain the sheriff from selling the goods on the ground that his actions, through his officer, were unlawful. The case law on the law of

execution was ancient. In Lee v Gansel ((1774) 1 Cowp Rep 1, 6), Lord Mansfield, Lord Chief Justice. stated: "that breaking open the outer door was a trespass but that taking away the goods was lawful." Thus it was clear that even if the sheriff's entry into the house had been unlawful, the seizure of the goods was effective and the goods could be sold.

His Lordship proceeded on the basis that the sheriff had obtained walking possession of the goods on his original attendance at the house under the writ of lieri facias on January 24. The question was, had he been entitled lawfully to break into the house under that walking possession in order to seize the goods?

The starting point was the celebrated authority Semayne's Case ((1604) 5 Co Rep 91a), the opening proposition of which was "the house of every one is his

Further propositions recited in that case established that "where enter, and do execution at the suit of a subject ... [but] it is not lawful for the sheriff, on request made and denial, at the suit of a common person, to break the defendant's house: scil. to execute any process at the suit of the subject."

Mrs McLeod relied heavily on the "castle principle". Mr Eady agreed that the castle principle On December 19, 1995 the sherapplied to an original entry to take house again. She had left for work possession of goods: you could not

house with your writ of fi fa in your hand and seize their goods without

But, he said, once you had possession of the goods, in this case walking possession, you were entitled to come back and resume debarred from entering by the act of the debtor, then you could break in to get that which, by definition,

was now yours. It was easier to perceive that principle from the cases in which the debtor had actually used force to keep the sheriff out. There was no case directly in point where the door was simply locked, as it were. neutrally, without any particular intention being manifested. In Feldman's The Law Relating

to Entry Search and Seizure ((1986 p53 paragraph 3.19) it was stated that "the bailiffs who have been expelled from the premises in the course of lawful execution lawfully conducted may re-enter by force to complete the execution".

really a continuation of the orig-inal-lawful entry which had been merely interrupted, not ended by the unlawful expulsion. The authorities for that propo-

sition were Aga Kurboolie Ma-homed v The Queen ((1843) 4 Moo PC 239): Pugh v Griffith ((1838) 7 Ad & El 827); and Bannister v Hyde authorities and concluded that where the judgment debtor forcibly excluded the sheriff, force

could be used to retake or continue

the taking of possession which had

already been taken, as it had been The real question was: did the principle extend to cases where in fact the premises were locked, not because the house owner was deliberately trying to exclude the sheriff, but simply where, put neutrally, the householder had

of strict reasoning, that whatever the case, if he came back to continue the possession which started as walking possession by taking possession and the door was barred against him he could break through it. That being so, he was right to do it in this case too.

That appeared to have been the accepted practice of sheriffs in London and in other counties for a long period. That practice, in modern conditions, his i ordship viewed with some

However, Mr Eady had estabmotion would be dismissed.

The difficulty with qualifying the principle in such a case was that from the point of view of the sheriff's officer, who was coming to execute his writ and coming to take, physically, possession of that which he already had by operation of law, he did not know why he was being kept out.

It seemed to follow, as a matter

disquiet. It was all very well in an earlier to find a house to be locked, holted and barred unless exclusion was the intention. Today people were frequently out and about their lawful business, both sexes working, mothers out with their children in circumstances that in the nineteenth century would have seemed odd and unusual hut which today one took for granted.

His Lordship felt that the practice was due for review and that the law of execution generally would merit the attention of the Law Commission, sooner rather than

unlawfully in breaking the lock in order to gain access to the house to seize the goods over which he already had a right of walking possession and Mrs McLeod's

Solicitors: Burchell & Ruston.

Limit to ombudsman's payment order

Westminster City Council v Haywood and Another Before Mr Justice Robert Walker

[Judgment February 22] The steps which the Pensions Ombudsman had jurisdiction to direct to be taken, after his investigation pursuant to section 166(I) of the Pension Schemes Act 1993, in response to a complaint of injustice sustained in consequence of maladministration by the trustees. manager, or employer concerned in a relevant pension

scheme, included the payment of a reasonable sum of money by way of compensation in respect of such injustice: but they could not in-clude a direction for the payment to the complainant of sums whose payment it would be ultra vires such payer to make.

Mr Justice Robert Walker so held in the Chancery Division, in allowing in part an appeal by Westminster City Council against a decision dated July 25, 1995 of the econd respondent, the Pensions Ombudsman, whereby he directed the council (i) to reinstate the level of their monthly gross payments of pension to the first respondent, Jeffrey James Haywood, to what it would have been, had it not been reduced in February 1993, (ii) to pay back with interest such reductions and (iii) to pay him £1,000 as compensation for "distress and

On January 17 gave Mr Haywood notice of redundancy with effect from April 12, 1992, which qualified him for payments under their severance

Electing to take the benefits applicable to those over 50 on dismissal, he received (a) superannuation fund payments under the Superannuation Act 1972 and (b) payments under a compensation scheme under the

any employer, to take, or refrain from taking, such steps as he might specify and (f) he had the powers of a county court. Those provisions recognised that complaints about pension rights often involved difficult points of law: countless ill-drafted amending deeds, executed hurriedly during the 1970s and 80s.

The first two issues related to the ombudsman's jurisdiction. I Miss Slade submitted he had none, since Mr Haywood's com-plaint related to no payment out of funds subject to the regulations. but only to payments, out of the

similar Act of 1921. By virtue of both, he received lump sums and in addition (a) an annual retirement pension, under the 1972 Act, of £7,361,16 and (b) a compensation annuity, under the compensation scheme of £3,949.97.

Subsequently the council received legal advice that the latter was in excess of their power under the 1921 Act and accordingly, from February 1993, they reduced his scheme payments by £1,894.17 a

On March I, 1993 Mr Haywood complained to the Pensions Ombudsman, alleging that at the time he was made redundant the council misled him about his Miss Elizabeth Stade, OC and

Mr Charles Bear for the council; Mr Andrew Arden, QC and Mr Andrew Diamond for the Pensions Ombudsman; Mr Haywood did not appear and was not

MR JUSTICE ROBERT

WALKER said that the most important features of the ombudsman's powers, by virtue of Part X of the Pension Schemes Act 1993, seemed to be (a) he might investigate and determine not only any complaint alleging injustice in consequence of maladministration, but also any dispute of fact or maladministration. law. (b) there was no requirement nisted to the co appealed on a question of law only. (d) he could refer any question of law directly to the High Court, (e) his determination might direct the trustees or manager of any scheme, or, by regulation 2 of the Personal and Occupational Pen-sion Schemes (Pension Ombuds-man) Regulations (SI 1991 No 585). payments, as compensation for

were out there somewhere, like rusty unexploded landmines, so the ombudsman's task was

dauntingly difficult. unlawful act".

But his Lordship thought the question should be answered in the family trust law: whether the facts gave rise to a single, or more than one settlement: see Roome v Ed-wards (1982) AC 279, 283-3) per Lord Wilberforce.

All relevant facts had to be looked at in a practical manner. Here, what tipped a nicely poised balance was that the council themselves, communicating with employees and pensioners, had drawn little or no distinction between the two types of payment, His Lordship was, narrowly, per-suaded that that challenge failed. 2 In relation to a public service pension scheme the effect of the regulations was to give the ombudsman jurisdiction to investigate a "complaint" under section

146(I) of the 1993 Act, but not a "dispute" under section 146(2). But few applicants were likely to use either word. An example of a dispute would be one as to fact, which trustees, without adopting any final view, suggested to a member that he refer to the

That dispute might have turned into a complaint, had the trustees taken a final view and acted on it in way to cause the membe iniustice in consequence of

It seemed that the only way of making sense of the regulation avoiding attenuation of the ombudsman's jurisdiction to derisory dimensions, was to recognise that the complaint/dispute classification had to be made by the ombudsman himself. So that council challenge also failed. 3 Was the ombudsman justified in directing the council to resume

loss of employment, to Mr Haywood which, on unchallenged advice given after Allsop v North Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council [1992] ICR 639 CA), they could not lawfully pay? Mr Arden's contention, that they must have had the power to put

must have had the power to put right their wrong advice to Mr Haywood by paying him money, had been countered by Miss Slade's citation of Hazell v Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough Council [1992] AC 1, 38) per Lord Templeman: a corporation could not "avoid ... litigation by agreeing, by way of compromise, to carry out an

After setting out the facts, the dsman's decision stated that "an employer entering an agree-ment which was necessarily ultra guilty of maladministration" There, he erred in law: to take a necessarily maladministration nor even negligent, see Rowling v Takaro Properties Ltd ([1988] AC 473, 502), although taking and acting on a wrong legal view might be maladministration if a decisionmaker knew, or ought to have

and those likely to be affected needed to be warned. But here, the ombudsman's decision: (a) wrongly assumed that any mistake by a local authority as to its statutory powers must constitute maladministration (b) failed to identify the injustice suffered thereby and (c) directed the council to take steps which could not possibly be appropriate

compensation for any injustice

suffered. His finding that they failed to warn Mr Haywood about doubts which they should have had about the scheme and his conclusion that that was maladministration coulded not be labelled perverse, but there was a gap between that conclusion and the compensation he directed. Compensation for misrepresentation should not a plaintiff in the same position as if his informant had provided correct information; not put him where he

Insurance Co Ltd [1995] QB 365. 404). The council's appeal therefore succeeded on that issue. 4 Was the ombudsman entitled to direct the council to pay £1,000 as compensation for distress and inconvenience? If he had no such power, many complainants might be left remediless: but if he had, why did Parliament not say so? In the end, Miss Slade's power-

information been correct: Banque

Bruxelles Lambert S.A v Eagle Star

ful argument had not overcome his Lordship's strong inclination to construe what the 1993 Act said about the ombudsman's powers in such a way as to effectuate what he took to be its purpose. Finally, she had urged the

award was so high as to be perverse: but although it was on the high side, his Lordship had not been persuaded that to pay roughly a month's national average earnings to an ex-employee with 24 years of service was so excessive as to be wrong in law. Solicitors: Mr Colin Wilson,

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Particulars in VAT charges preferred

Regina v Uddin Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Mr Justice Buckley and Judge

Lodgment February 29) Where facts permitted and the information was available, it was preferable that the prosecution should frame an indicament charg-ing an offence under section 39(1) or (2) of the Value Added Tax Act 1983 by giving the factual particu-lars relied on, rather than resort-

ing to the general allegations of section 39(3) The Court of Appeal. Criminal Division, so stated in dismissing appeals by Khaled Ahmed Choudhury and Jamal Uddin against their convictions in April 1995 at Wolverhampton Crown Court (Judge Christopher Hodson and a junt of these counts can be and a jury) of three counts each of conduct involving the commission (2) of the 1983 Act contrary to

section 39(3) of that Act. Mr Anthony Bell, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant Mr Malcolm Morse for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE BUCKLEY, giv-ing the judgment of the court, said that the two appellants were partners in three restaurants, all registered for VAT. The prosecu-tion alleged that customs officers. after several evenings observa-tion, found that a considerable percentage of bills to customers had been suppressed, including those of meals taken by officers.

The indictment contained three

similar counts against each defen dant charging them with conduct

involving the commission of of-

fences under section 39(1) and 39(2) of the 1983 Act contrary to section 39(3) of that Act. The particulars of offence alleged that they were concerned in the fraudulent evasion of VAT, the taking of steps with a view to fraudulent evasion of VAT and with intent to deceive caused to be furnished to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, VAT returns which were false in material particulars in that they understated the values of taxable sup-

plies and amounts of tax payable

in respect of those supplies: the

three offences covered by sections 39(1) and (2). Mr Bell submitted that the judge

failed to direct the jury that they had to be unanimous as to at least one of the offences identified in the particulars. Since that direction was not given, theoretically at least it was possible that the jury might have been split in that, for example, six might have thought one of the appellants was involved in suppressing bills and the remain-ing six might not have been satisfied of that but thought that he was involved in furnishing false information to the commissioners.

Mr Morse, in reply, pointed to the wording of section 39(3). He submitted that the section came into being precisely because there were cases where no more than a general deficiency was encountered but that deficiency was so striking that it was possible to say that a fraud had been perpetrated but impossible to say how t was done. The reality of the instant case

was that from each of the three restaurants night after night broadly the same fraud was set in motion, namely up to 40 per cent of bills given to customers were thrown away. That was the factual foundation of everything that

Their Lordships considered the summing up as a whole and were satisfied that Mr Morse was

correct that in the circumstances neither of the convictions was Their Lordships did not wish to interfere with the discretion of the prosecuting authorities because cases differed widely but if the facts permitted it was desirable that factual particulars relied on were

framed within the indictment. That would pre-empt problems of the sort which had arisen in this Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs &

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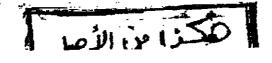
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Over the next two years, British ears will be opened to the best new

and unfamiliar Nordic music

ark and true and tender is the North. Or so Tennyson and the Barbican would have had us believe three years ago when the long saga of the arts in the Nordic countries was told in the space of a monthlong festival.

Eager to capitalise on the success of Tender is the North, the Nordic Music Committee and the music information centres of Denmark. Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden have now created a Nordic Music Season in the UK. starting today.

New Nordic music will be

premiered by the Nash Ensemble and their Finnish counterparts, Avanti! A new Icelandic opera by Karolina Eiriksdottir opens on Thursday; the Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra, under Neeme Jārvi, will present a Sibelius cycle at the Barbican in April, and a Nordic week is planned in Birmingham in October.

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So what is it all about? Is Nordic music really distinctive? Or is it rather, in the words of the lcelandic poet Johann Hjalmarsson, a case of not the land, but an idea of a land waiting to be settled by an alien dream? The output of Nordic composers over the past 50 years, as more of them travelled through Europe, is as rich and varied as the Nordic landscapes. But is it really related to them in anything other than our own imaginations?

Anssi Karttunen, cellist and artistic director of Avanti!, whose concert on March 21 in the Nash Ensemble's Twentieth-Century Music series is ne of the beacons of the season, feels strongly that Nordic music began to be interesting only when it ceased to be Nordic. It was no accident that Avanti! was formed in 1983. "Until then", Karttunen says, being Finnish was still a limiting preoccupation among composers. There was a big hang-up about Sibelius. But then musicians began to feel no longer

bound by expectations." Esa-Pekka Salonen and Jukka-Pekka Saraste, both conductors, decided, with a group of kindred spirits, that new music should free itself from esoteric and often shortlived projects. Like the Nash

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piece of work*

Ensemble in Britain, Avanti! was to be flexible enough in its membership to play not only the newest of the new, but adventurous music from all

periods. The influence of Avanti! had far-reaching effects on Finnish composers. When planning their London programme, Avanti! found that Finland had a uniquely broad reper-toire of new chamber music written for between nine and 25 players.

They have chosen to represent three generations of Finnish composers, so that the audience can try to hear what being Finnish may be, or not be". At 62, Usko Merilainen writes in simultaneous layers of colours and ideas. You can take a tiny measure of his music and admire its construction, like a jewel."

Magnus Lindberg, one of the loudest and most influential voices in the Finnish avant-garde, is represented by his Clarinet Quintet of 1992 -"probably his first work in a classical form".

And Seppo Pohjola, the bestknown composer of the younger generation, is the third. As his Second String Quartet shows, he has found an ease with himself," Karttunen says. "He's an explorer in each

Perhaps it is this sense of restless exploration which defines new Nordic writing most clearly. Avanti! is currently sailing outwards yet again. travelling "Around the World in 20 Concerts" and presenting Helsinki with music from America, Brazil, Russia, Spain and The Netherlands, "With borders breaking down," says Karttunen, "it's important to discover not only what is unknown, but also what we think is well known. The function of culture is to regenerate, to activate. We have a responsibility."

HILARY FINCH The Nash Ensemble plays Sandstrom, Nordheim and Nordentoft. Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (0171-960 4242), tonight 7.30pm

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opera, I have seen someone, Riverside Studios. London W6 (Ol81-741 2255), Thurs-Sat • Avantil plays Merilainen, Lindberg and Pohjola, Purcell



THE

Matthew Bannister, Controller of Radio I, the most "forward-looking, independently minded national radio station since the Sixties"

It's wonderful, Radio 1

The BBC is right to exclude old rockers from a station

The uproar that greeted Radio 1's decision not to playlist the new singles by Status Quo and the Beatles has provided great publicity not only for the acts concerned, but also for Radio 1 itself. Indeed, the Status Quo stunt - in which the band issued a writ claiming £250,000 in damages from the station for refusing to play their records - was welcomed with open merriment at Radio l. After all, what better way to reinforce the new youthful image that the station has been strenuously trying to establish during the last couple of years than to have a bunch of superannuated rockers arguing the toss about a dismal version of a song -

Fun, Fun, Fun - written more

■ MUSIC 1

After Sibelius: a

two-year festival

introduces an

exciting new

generation of

Nordic composers

than 30 years ago? The Beatles' complaints have been taken more seriously, since their material is still widely perceived as a touch-

Mirror. 'Is it saying that all the people who bought Real Love and put it at No 4 in its first week don't know what they like?"

Well, of course not. What Radio I is doing is making an accurate value judgment of a record that simply doesn't on the popularity of the great hold up in terms of its listener majority of new and emerging profile.

stand it, Radio 1 does not exclude artists from its playlist because of their age records by David Bowie, Sting. Bon Jovi and Queen were among the most

played last week but the days thankfülly, long gone.

British music industry. It is no accident that the most fecund era in British pop since the Sixties has coincided with this change of programming poli-cy at Radio I. The old procedure of sticking to the boring and bland imposed a ceiling

British acts durand early Nine-6 Radio 1 has ties. No matter galvanised how successful such artists were on the live circuit the British or how much

they were lion-ised in the music music press, without a high level of exindustry **9** posure on nat-

ional daytime

attracting big young audiences, says David Sinclair this regard. But the fact is that Britain certain "popular" acts regardhas not had such a vital, less of merit, is a laughable forward-looking. indepenpiece of special pleading. Stadently minded national radio tus Quo's single was Record of station since the glory days of the Week on Radio 2, and pirate radio in the Sixties. And there are any number of all this reactionary nonsense commercial stations happy to from old school pop stars is

Aerosmith, Bob Seger or Pink

Floyd, and Radio 1 may yet

have to make adjustments in

just the bleating of an elite that

finds its special privileges

So, a word of advice to all

have a divine right to be

included on the nation's best

playlist. No one disputes your

achievements, nor your free-

dom to keep making music.

Just keep your hands off our new Radio I.

under threat.

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■ MUSIC 2

Violin virtuoso

a consummate

musicianship at

the Barbican

Midori gives

display of

and all their old ones, until the cows come home. If anything, the "public serforcefully in the opposite direction. Where else can the licence fee-payer turn for the best in new popular music, let alone for the kind of credible specialist programmes that feature the latest developments in rap, jungle, techno and other dance music, of which Radio I has become

play the "new" Beatles song.

With Radio 1 defining its

virtually the sole national

pieces, however, and the duo delivered them expressively.

Saint-Saens's Violin Sonata No I in D Minor is a haunting piece, at least when given with this kind of style. Midori brought to bear both introspection and richly bowed fervour, McDonald's passagework was no less dazzling, yet always accommodating the scale of his partner's playing.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Power play

POP

audience and

performers on

ACKNOWLEDGING the applause at the end of each number, Cast's John Power mutters disarmingly "Nice one", as if we had just bought him a pint. Their debut al-bum, All Change, may have hovered around the upper reaches of the charts since its release last October, but Cast are not about to lord it over

They just get on with the songs. And for most of their set, the numbers fly by, evoking as they pass the ghosts of the Who, the Small Faces and the Move. Each one is lifted by a soaring melody, carried by Power's gently pleading tones, driven by Keith O'Neill's drums and burnished by the harmonies supplied by guitar-ist Liam Tyson and bassist Peter Wilkinson.

> Cast **UEA**, Norwich

Cast disdain flamboyance and extravagant gestures. They are not about to give their tunes the hard sell. Four Walls and Walkaway, two beautifully understated ballads, are left to fend for themselves. Sandstorm and Back of My Mind are delivered with the crisp economy of the thriller writer. Only towards the end do Cast threaten to lose the plot.

The sharp pop songs make way for some less certain ventures. Two new songs draw heavily on Sixties psychedelia. They make interesting experiments, but worrying ones: the black hole that is the concept album beckons.

Only with the ominously titled History, the last song of the set, does the storyline get truly mangled. With its echoing guitar riffs and flashing lights, it is too grandiose for its own good as it rambles clumsily through the murky swamps of progressive rock.

It is an aberration that is core with Alright: "I guess I am airight, I guess I'm doing fine." They are, of course, doing much better than that. And they know it.

JOHN STREET



Schubert's Fantasy in C. The

strength of this reading, in

which McDonald proved an

equal partner, was the clarity

with which the work's struc-

ture was revealed. The focal

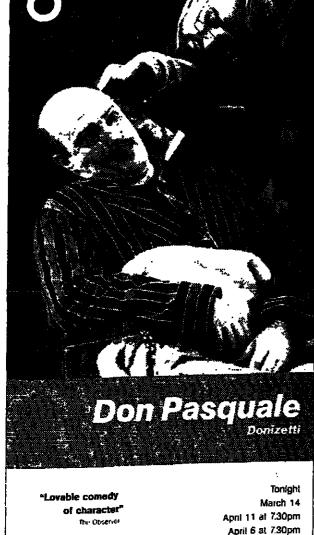
point of the piece is Schubert's

setting of Rückert's verse Sei

mir gegrüsst, which gives rise

to a set of variations. These

players showed how the open-ing movements lead towards that moment, and how the



You've been a lovely audience

ON PAPER. The Reverse Effect looked like a smart, hollow conceit, commissioned for the Now You See It season: the spectators occupied the stage: the performers the auditori-um. But Wendy Houstonn and Lea Anderson transformed the occasion into conceptual dance that cleverly

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sustained display of consum-

mate technique and musician-

The opening movement of Mozart's Sonata in G for

Violin and Piano, K379,

showed Midori at her most

fastidious: caressing every nu-

ance and threatening to

smother it with affection. This

somewhat precious approach

to phrasemaking, the violin-

ist's equivalent of bonsai, rel-

captured the role-reversal. Here was Houstoun in Daunted, her speech and movement solo, cautiously tracking her way along a gangway behind her usher's torch. Finding her place, it didn't take long for her to slump - as most regular theatregoers do from time to time, victims of an irresistible

DANCE

Barbican

ishes every exquisite detail,

oblivious to the danger of

injecting too much feeling into

From then on, though, one was utterly captivated by this

unique player's musical sensi-

bilities. In an age when execu-

tants are frequently censured

relatively slight creations.

The Reverse Effect Queen Elizabeth Hall

sleep virus. Looking at us sitting inactively on stage, she pondered like any critic, concluding: "It's not heading anywhere. I mean, is it art?"

Anderson's 197 performers for An Audience with the Victims of Death began as a noisy horde outside the auditorium. Settled in they clapped as Steve Blake's mock-rock band, The Victims of Death, arrived; then, im-

pelled by the opening chords, exaggeratedly flattened themselves against their seats, producing the stunning impression of foreshortened perspective.

We on stage giggled, just as we did when they rushed towards us en masse to take up the empty front rows, although this time it was laughter tinged with relief. after the realisation of just how terrifying a human tidal

wave can be. Wayne McGregor, who opened the evening with Vulture, was much more concerned with dance. He began with a solo for himself, his extraordinary, narrow, shav-

en-headed silhouette moving bonelessly along an aisle and sometimes dipping to become half-hidden behind seats. If he was avian life from an outer galaxy, then so were the five female dancers who slowly descended the back stairs to

take over. If the future of dance is somewhere, maybe it is here. But The Reverse Effect was not meant for pondering big issues. It was fun, and at the stage door you were given a bottle of mineral water to rehydrate your exhausted artist's body. What a shame it ran only over one weekend.

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The lost poet of New York

Richard Cork on Jean-Michel Basquiat, an

extraordinary talent cut short by a heroin overdose

ying at the age of 27. Jean-Michel Basquiat has subsequently achieved cult status. Even during his life he quickly became celebrated: first as an adroit spray painter of New York buildings under the provocative pseudonym SAMO (code for Same Old Shit), and then as a darling of the Manhattan gallery scene. Highly prolific, he completed more than 500 paintings, often of a Herculean size. Their success proved that a young black artist could be lionised by white America, and his subsequent collaboration with Andy Warhol marked Basquiat's apotheosis as a fashionable prodigy who insisted on working in paintsmeared Armani suits.

But was he any good? Now, for the first time since his death of a heroin overdose in 1988, he has been given a solo exhibition in a British public gallery. It offers an opportunity to discover if Basquiat's work was anything more than the by-product of his legendary charisma. The space at the Serpentine Gallery does not allow more than a fraction of his torrential output to be displayed. But this limitation may well be an advantage. The speed with which he worked inevitably led to slipshod moments; his oeuvre is wildly uneven, so the Serpentine has been well-advised to concentrate on the most memorable images and leave the

The first room is enough to confound scepticism. Far from looking like the work of an untutored barbarian, high on his notoriety as a graffiti artist the paintings assembled here is quickened by his deft,

testify to the power of his draughtsmanship; at the age of 20 he produced a large canvas called Untitled (Skull) which shows how gifted Basquiat really was. It also reveals the turbulence of his imagination, dominated by mortality at an age when most of us relegate death to some reassuringly vague future.

'He didn't know how good he was,' Madonna recalls

images. Untitled (Skull) may be a self-portrait. The teeth have long since decayed, and short, spiky hair sticks up like stubble on a convict's shaven crown. This is a beleaguered face. , but its determination remains formidable. The eyes blaze with energy, and the welter of images inside the skull evokes the clangorous urban world that shaped Basquiat's vision.

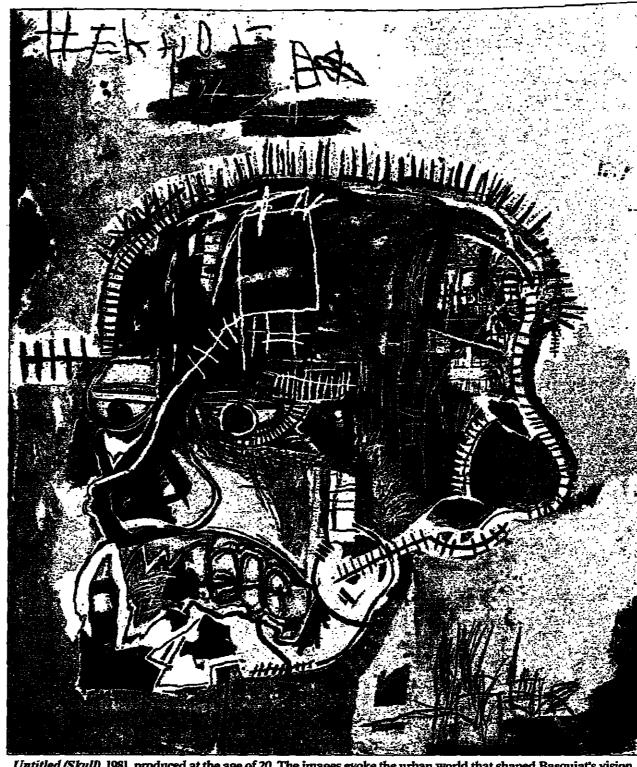
The dynamism pulsing so

paradoxically through this memento mori is a measure, too, of Basquiat's ambition. He wanted to succeed, and by 1982 was prepared to proclaim his individuality on the most monumental of canvases. Boy and Dog in a Johnnypump is a colossal painting. Using acrylic and oil paintstick as well as spray paint, Basquiat from the streets of Brooklyn.' ensures that the entire surface

supple and above all fluent mark-making. Cooling themselves in the water gushing from a city fire hydrant, both boy and animal revel in the cascade. The space around them is brushed, stained and dribbled with a spattered freedom reminiscent of de Koo-But the grin on the black boy's mask-like face is threatening as well as joyful. Basquiat appears to be playing with the racist stereotype of the "fright-ening" black youth. The figure raises his arms in a gesture that might seem aggressive. It also stirs memories of a crucifixion, however. And the lines of thin white pigment running through his body look like the X-ray of a skeleton. Even at his most exuberant,

then, Basquiat could not oust thoughts of suffering. Boy and Dog in a Johnnypump turns out to be a surprisingly complex and ambiguous picture, far removed from the splashy high spirits which give the painting its initial impact. The darker side of Basquiat's imagination was undoubtedly scarred by his awareness of racial intolerance, but it also owes something to the traumatic moment when he was hit by a car at the age of eight. Serious enough to demand a prolonged convalescence, the injury made Basquiat keenly conscious of his own body. The interest was reinforced when his mother gave him a book on human anatomy, and in 1982 he produced a large painting inspired by Leonardo's pio-

neering studies of the body. Rather than ending up as a straightforward homage to the Renaissance master, it is as quirky as any of Basquiat's pictures. Leonardo's exquisite



Untitled (Skull), 1981, produced at the age of 20. The images evoke the urban world that shaped Basquiat's vision-

draughtsmanship is nowhere canvas that looks like four panels badly joined together, a misshapen head and a scrawny male nude dominate the

painting. A half-naked railway worker toils beside a track meandering across all the panels, and everywhere you look Basquiat has scrib-bled comments like "bad foot" which give the picture an

From then on, words played an increasingly eloquent part in his paintings. Jawbone of an Ass contains at its heart an outpouring of writing, as Basquiat's awkward capital letters spell out a host of names, places and events ranging from the pharoahs and Christ to Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, which granted freedom to the black slaves of the Deep South. Images of crowns and cartoon characters are pushed to the sides, where their lightheartedness sits oddly with refer-ences to Cleopatra and Sophocles in the centre.

Basquiat delighted in leaping from one world over to another. Many of his paintings resemble enormous urban walls, covered in an apparently random blizzard of drawings, paint-smears and scrawled messages. But as you move through the exhibition. the seeming arbitrariness takes on a crazy coherence of its own. Basquiat is a poet of the big city, fired by the visual

IN 1994, Catherine Yass made

a photo-portrait of the six

members of the Arts Council

of England's purchasing com-

mittee. Portrait forces the

viewer to acknowledge that an

dislocations bombarding anyone who inhabits a metropolis as jairing as New York. This accelerating fame, fu-

elled by the widespread hun-Neo-Expressionist painting in the 1980s, did not mind. Madonna, with whom he had an affair, recalls that "he didn't know how good he was and he was plagued with insecurities". All the evidence suggests that he felt guilty about wealth, and gave most of his money away. But the dollars enabled Basquiat to indulge in the drug habit which killed him. As the show proceeds, there is a sense of the early energy draining away. The collaboration with Warhol diluted Basquiat's art rather than enriching it, and at times his work seems disconcertingly slapdash.

longside these signs of deterioration. though, I noticed an increasing awareness of vulnerability. Basquiat's inner plight must have deepened his insights into the human predicament, and the green head looming out of In Italian seems far more frail than his previous figures. Written references to the heart and blood punctuate the surrounding space, as if Basquiat was becoming obsessed with the body's capacity to survive. Not all the late paintings are haunted by presentiments of the end. Lester Yellow is an exuberant work, alive with

exclamations about the mad pleasures of horse racing. On the whole, however, these final works testify to a gathering awareness of extinction. Riding with Death, painted shortbefore his fatal overdose, has the character of a final testament. A brown figure rides a skeletal mount, and extends both arms in a gesture reminiscent of his forerunner in Boy and Dog in a Johnnypump. Compared with the vitality of that early painting, though, Riding with Death is shorn of substance. No flowing water hydrant animates the dun-coloured mist surrounding the rider. It seems impenetrable, ruling out any possibility that words might once again crowd the picture with their garrulous presence. A terminal silence prevails, and even Death is a fragmented animal barely able to move its blanched

bones forward. ● Jean-Michel Basquiat at the Serpentine Gallery (0171723 9072) until April 21

AROUNDTHE GALLERE

MANY of the problems usually encountered by visitors to exhibitions of video and film are carefully circumvented in show of work by five artists. commissioned from an open submission. Obvious attention to design and context prevents any sensation of being trapped or controlled by the works on show.

Keith Tyson ambitiously attempts, in three dimensions, a free-flowing process of thought and association. A walkway leads through what might be a boat cabin or submarine compartment to a dining space with a healthy family picture on the wall Outside, but still part of the wired up to a video monitor. further along, around the structure, there is a model of a Chinese village or camp. The problem with attempting to orchestrate so many references is in knowing where the detail should stop.

A 23-minute film by Mich-

ael Curran and Osnat Haber shows next door through a heavy black curtain. A shaven-headed woman is caught by the camera in a corner. A female voice talks about a fascination for someone. The viewing room appears cluttered with leftover exhibition materials, and this helps to create the impression that the real subject of the work is hidden undiscovered in a back store room.

Upstairs three giant screens at sideways angles cast light into a dark room. Three single Londoners, one on each screen, talk about their interests on a particular day. The woman plays with a giant champagne bottle, and then struggles into her bustière for a night out. The man on the left talks about the kind of girl he likes. The other man bashes away at the wall with an impromptu rag doll. Each does his or her own thing. apparently impervious to Gillian Wearing's presence and sympathetic filming tech nique. Somehow the three eventually meet for a blind date in the pub. The woman finds the men boring — "both look like a mess one of the herself too much. Back in their separate homes they continue one makes a bucket of tea: the girl takes a snap of herself; the other man bangs the doll against the wall again.

The atmosphere next door is altogether different. Music suggesting loss, in the manner of a black and white "continental" film. accompanies a picture projected onto the wall of a woman sitting near an empty sofa underneath an Impressionist print. The voice of a man focuses attention on the few details present. Jaki Irvine's work fills the room

with a heavy sense of absence. Along the corridor on a series of six monitors is a straightforward piece by Mark Wallinger which shows racing greyhounds, filmed from in front, running a full race in pursuit of an unobtainable mechanical hare.

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Four top collections have sent works to Tyneside. Charles Hall finds odd selections but a frisson of excitement

Our trends in the North

artist's visibility depends not just on individual talent, but in Yass's Portrait suggests a on a network of support and similar willingness to turn a patronage. Yass is a sophisticated artist: she knows she is implicated. The members of the committee are knowing, make critical judgments: we too - they pose broodily for the camera, tongues firmly in although Tania Kovats's Grotcheek. Then, to complete the and perfumes are really artifiwork, they bought it. Newcastle display (billed, with like anything but cheap plas-

typical chirpiness, as Ace!) of the Arts Council's latest acquisitions. It looks very much at home here -- witty, provoca-tive, anxious and just a little too pleased with its own anxiety. It's not a bad piece, and it's not a bad show: most of the works, individually, are impressive, but there is a sameness of tone which suggests a laziness in the collecting quite at odds with the energy of the times. Here we have an ironic

enlargement of an air freshener, an ironic enlargement of a charm from a cheap bracelet. an ironic presentation of a pair of souvenir Dutch clogs in the style of Mondrian. The appearance of the committee pended fragments surviving after she had asked one British institution (the Army) to help her blow up another (the garden shed).

kind of moral paralysis into an aesthetic. And this is reflected here by an inability to are solemnly assured that, to looks real, its rocks, flowers cial. In fact they never look tic, badly used.
This failing is partly a

consequence of committee buying. We see some of the same problems in Newcastle's display of recent acquisitions from the Tate: it is quite an of Anish Kapoor's output of beautiful objects, to have selected some oddly inept baubles. Even so, here we see a wider appreciation of what might matter in contemporary art here is a Bacon triptych. there a Michael Andrews painting of Ayers Rock.

There are also some fine photographs and, most cheering of all, there is Cornelia Parker's wonderful installation, in which she has sus-

The Tate collection is impressive, but it doesn't have the power to startle of Sunderland's display of works bought by the Contemporary Arts Society over the past three years. The CAS appoints three buyers each year to buy, not as a committee, but according to their own critical judgment and enthusiasm. The selection of buyers is well calculated to deliver quality work across a wide range of conventions and attitudes - from a heavyweight Basil Beattie to an extraordinarily simple, not to say erotic, computer text work by Tracey McKenna.

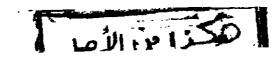
This, I think, is where Visual Art UK's coup in getting four of our biggest contemporary collectors to show their works really pays off. Everyone must know by now that the art world is in a state of high excitement about something - but this the first place that I have felt conscious

of the energy in one room There is no way of summarising what is happening, because part of the excite-ment is that such good work is being made in so many fields. This broad-mindedness ex-

tends to the CAS's willingness to show its crafts collection alongside its fine art. It was good to see the bafflement of fine art specialists confronted with, say, Caroline Broadhead's explorations of the idea that clothes construct and confine their wearers' identities long anticipated the supposedly avant-garde sculptures of Jana Sterbak.

The Crafts Council collection itself, which is also now on show in Gateshead, looks tame by comparison. Perhaps makers are increasingly constrained by commercial anxieties - but it is hard to see why the Crafts Council should be timid, too.

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■ THEATRE

Adrian Lester, fresh from his Olivier triumph, leads Sondheim's Company into the West End



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Pinchas Zukerman leads a 35th birthday party for the ECO VENUE: Tonight at the Barbican Hall

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■ CHOICE 2

Terence Rattigan's The Winslow Boy opens in Birmingham VENUE: From tonight at the Repertory Theatre



■ CHOICE 3

Tim Luscombe's staging of Charley's Aunt comes to Watford VENUE: Opens tonight at the Palace

Fame beckons a Company man

THEATRE: The award-winning actor Adrian Lester reveals his ambitions

to Matt Wolf

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s its title suggests, Stephen Sondheim's Company is a company show. But even within the ensemble of the Donmar Warehouse production Adrian Lester stands apart. For a start, he is the first black male, here or in America. to star in a Sondheim musical. Far more significant than skin colour, however, is Lester's remarkable gift for anchoring a show usually of

greater interest around the

edges than at its core. As Bobby, the 35-year-old Manhattan bachelor who yearns to enter the world of coupledom he sees all around him. Lester brings an openfaced guilelessness and charm to a part that can be a blank. Small wonder that his director. Sam Mendes, calls Lester's performance "sensational". It is not just the multi-racial casting that makes history; it is Lester's reevalution of a role that seemed cursed in both the show's 1970 debut and its Broadway revival last autumn.

Last month, Lester beat Jolson's Brian Conley to the Olivier Award for Best Musical Actor. The production was also honoured for Mendes's direction and for Sheila Gish's venomous turn as Joanne, the bruised lady who lunches. With the show reopening tomorrow at the Albery, Lester returns to the venue that brought him a previous Olivier nomination: as Rosalind in Decian Donnellan's all-male staging of As You Like It, another unexpected part for the willowy, Birminghamborn actor. Add to that the clear that Lester has an im-

part of Anthony in the National's Sweeney Todd and it is pressively wide-ranging CV THE ups and downs of drugs are being hotly debated, with Trainspotting becoming a big-screen hit and enjoying a second West End run. Now there is also a fringe vision of Morphine playing just by King's Cross Station. This, however, hardly inspires

euphoria. Adapted from Mikhail Bulgakov, Morphine is the tragic tale of a young Russian doctor who. heartbroken by his unfaithful amour. becomes fatally hooked on the painkilling narcotics meant for his peasant

Bulgakov, like Chekhov, trained in medicine. He draws a sharp, albeit sometimes comic, portrait of medical

ineptitude and ignorance. Doctor

Adrian Lester: "I don't want to take a step backwards or tread water. Every part must give me something different" BBC TV drama, The Affair, he

In part he has benefited from the tendency of younger directors to see beyond race and gender when casting shows. But Lester's own determination to succeed is also a factor in his swift rise. He is reluctant to be a "professional black actor" moving only from one August Wilson play to another, preferring to be thought of as an actor who happens to be black - even if the black community voices the occasional objection.

"What's the matter? Aren't we good enough for you?" a black director once demanded of him. "That hurt," Lester says. "But you are only as flexible an actor as you make yourself. The actors I admire are the ones with a chameleonlike nature. That is the greatest thing you can have as an

Lester was amazed when, last autumn, Mendes approached him to play Bobby, even though he had taken the supporting role of Paul in a

Polyakov, penning a case history of his

own addiction, is in-

formative about

morphine's effects, from the first burst ·

of mental energy to badly impaired consciousness. But from the word go,

Victor Sobchak's staging is chronically

lacklustre. Marc Bannerman's Poly-

akov, inexplicably dressed in a double-

breasted high-street suit and shiny

moccasins, is lifeless before he has

even clapped eyes on the opiate. The

shoestring-budget set is shabby.

same show while at Rada_"I looked about 15, like I'd barely gone into puberty," Lester says. A beard solved that problem, but vocal demands posed another. Both Broadway productions of Company featured leading men whose voices weren't up to a score that reaches its peak with Being Alive, Sondheim's celebrated eleventh-hour paean to the possibility of commitment.

"I'm not that great a singer; I can't carry off a performance of a song," Lester says. He is the antithesis of a seasoned West End belter such as Michael Ball, star of London's next Sondheim opening, Passion. In fact, Lester sang in a youth choir and then not again until Sweeney Todd. But what he could offer instead was a Rada graduate's gift for interpretation. "I have to act the emotional narrative of the music as well as sing it, with the knowledge that every

wards Being Alive."

Sadder sights outside

Morphine

Courtyard, NI

he says, is the conclusion to what Bobby has been thinking about the whole evening. "He keeps asking himself: What's missing? Being Alive is where he finds out." Preparing a show so focused

on relationships spilt over into Lester's domestic life. The actor recalls conversations with his girlfriend of nine years, the actress Lolita Chakrabarti. "I'd come home and ask Lolita questions like: 'How do you know this is it: you say it's fine but how do you know? She would look at me and think: 'It's that part, isn't it? It's the rehearsals." Similarly, I remember being relieved when Rosalind was finished; that was like living with a girlfriend inside you."

Not all of Lester's roles have been irrelevant of his skincolour. In John Guare's Olivier Award-winning Six Degrees of Separation, he played a young black New Yorker who cons his way into scene is helping Bobby tothe affections of a well-heeled

ably more thought-

provoking than the

play. This tiny clus-ter of old stables is a startling find in

the midst of the sad grunge by King's

Cross where, in the pouring rain by the

had a small role as a black American soldier stationed in provincial Britain during the Second World War. Still, as he looks beyond

Company to what he hopes will be a career in films and television, Lester acknowledges that the theatre is more liberal in its casting than the TV and film world. They can be more narrow-minded. Which is why the more nonwhite actors are seen doing parts like Bobby, the better

effect it will have."

Lester is adamant that he will seek work in America if he cannot find suitable challenges here. They say that it takes ten years to make an actor, so I am putting the groundwork in," he says. "But don't want to take a step backwards or tread water. Every part has to give me something different; otherwise, I'm not going to do it."

Company reopens tomorrow at the Albery Theatre, St Martins

someone with vision were to strip the paint and open the doors into the yard, this could become an exciting performance space.

Right now, this show is stupefyingly dull. Imagine spotting trains for an eternity, divide the thrill by a thousand, and you are still nowhere near it. Polyakov's bad trips are acutely unconvincing. He is tortured by mimeydancey sprites mercilessly prancing around in leotards and chiffon offcuts. Back outside, those two people holding each other on the pavement, motionless, soaked hoods over their faces, said far more.

KATE BASSETT

TODAY'S CHOICE BUDDLEIA: The Carton new willing

season continues at the Donmar as the Passion Machine Theatre Company reessembles the original cast from this acclaimed production first shown at the Dublin Theatre Festival Paul Mercier produces his own play — an epic vision of contemporary Dublin lowfic passing through an abandoned tenement Dommer Warehouse, Eartham Street WC2 (0171-369 1732) Tonight, 7pm, Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat.

THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF AMERICA (ABRIDGED): The RSC (Reduced Shakespeare Company) continues as West End appearance with a popular, pottly rough-handing of the American past. Criterion, Proceedity Circus, W1 (0171-369 1737) Tongiti, Tpm, Wed-Sat, 8pm, Mais Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm and Sun, 4pm [5]

ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: Royal gale concert in the presence of the Prince of Wales to celebrate the orchestra's 35th anniversary ceason Princhas Zukerman creeds and plays in Priviles Queening creats are plays a a leshwe programme of Mozart and Beethoven With solosis Heed Grant Murphy and Thomas Quasthoff. Berbican, 5tk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891), 7.30pm (3)

A daily guide to arts and entertainment complied by Marit Hargle

NASH ENSEMBLE: As part of the Ensemble's 20th-century series, tonight's programme is a virtual comucopia of Nordic sound. No fewer han two world premieres — one by Anders Nordemot, one by Jan Sandström — are on offer See feature, page 39. Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242) 7 30pm

<u>ELSEWHERE</u> RMINGHAM: Opening night for The Inslow Boy, Terence Ratingan's classic legal drama about a young naval cadet expelled from college to allegedly stealing a postal order, and his tamiy's battle to clear his name Blimlingham Repertory Theatre, Broad Street, (0121-236 4455) CHELTENHAM: John Retallack's production of Twelfith Night for Oxford Stage Company ends its national tour this week. Sumptuous sets and costumes, with the cast playing restruments on and oil stage

GLASGOW. Scottish Bellet communes its spring season with La Sylprind; and Ae Fond Kiss, a new work by Mark. Baldwin, Tonight offers a rate chance to see Johnny Bovan and Tanja Graafland from PACT Ballet in South Alnoa in the roles of James and the Sylphole
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☐ THE CHANGING ROOM David Storey's fascinating play about a rugby league team preparing for the weekly game. Third in the season of Royal Court Classors Classics Dake of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (D171-836 5122), Mon-Sat, 7,30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm, (§)

COMMUNICATING DOORS
Angela Thome in Ayddourn's ingenous time-travel play, fleeing from a vengetul enemy via the doors of a hotel that take her forward and back or time Sevoy, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mars Wed and Sat, 3pm 👸

Bi COMPANY- Adnen Lester, Shelia Gish, Sophie Thompson in an excellent staging of Sondheim's bittersweet musical on marriage, pro end contra. Albery, St Mentin's Lene, WC2 (0171-389 1730). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3om.

M THE GLASS MENAGERIE: Sam Mendes's radiant production: Zoë Wanameker and Clarre Skinner play mother and daughter, with Ben Walden Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-389 1731). Mon-Set, 7.30pm; mat Sat,

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SOMME: Two-week visit of Dublin's Abbey Theatre with their superb

Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638) 8891). Tonight-Sat. 7 15pm; mais Mai 14 and Sat. 2pm (5)

SLAUGHTER CITY. New play, savage and surreal, set in a slaughter-house, by Naom Wallace Essentially a piece about labour conditions. Confusing but wird Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7 15pm; mat Sat, 2pm (2)

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Confident Bruno sets aside talk of defeat

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT IN LAS VEGAS

to brief him for his first

encounter with Tyson now

knows no lear. After training

for several weeks with Nigel

Benn, in Tenerife, he is bris-

tling with confidence and be-

lieves he will knock out Tyson.

because I was in panto and

they laughed at me, but I've

come from a tough background. I'm ready to take on

ten Tysons. I will wipe him

out. I have the power. I'm

mentally and physically ready

for this light," he said last December in Philadelphia,

where he was publicising the

Bruno's talk may or may not

be bluster, but it is almost

certain that Tyson has been

forced into taking on Bruno earlier than planned. The

Briton was supposed to be

Tyson's fifth opponent. In-

stead. Tyson is having to face

him after just four rounds of

Don King, Tyson's promot-

er, did not want to risk a delay

as Lennox Lewis might have

been able to step in before

Tyson. Also. as MGM, in its

determination to secure

Tyson's first six contests, had

entered a deal involving an interest-free loan of \$15 million

(about £10 million) to King, it

was clearly anxious to see

bouts of a high calibre to bring

in returns. During the three-

month period that included

The MGM hotel can hardly

be blamed for looking for an

opponent who will test Tyson

and pull in a large crowd -

3,000 are expected from Brit-

ain alone. Bruno was seen as

that man. The bookmakers

here make Tyson favourite to

win inside the distance. But

even they are not certain that

Tyson is the same man of the

Eighties. Both McNeeley and

Buster Mathis were able to

back up Tyson. Bruno may

Tyson's return to the ring -

against Peter McNeeley

their revenue actually fell.

action from two bouts.

bout. Nothing has changed.

"People think I am soft

AFTER the failure of Frank Bruno to last more than five rounds against Mike Tyson here in 1989, no one would have imagined that the two would meet again yet here they are, preparing to meet in a contest in which Bruno defends his World Boxing Council heavyweight title.

The first bout with Tyson was Bruno's second attempt at a world title. The defeat was so crushing, like those he had suffered at the hands of James "Bonecrusher" Smith and Tim Witherspoon, the latter for the World Boxing Association title, that a second meeting with Tyson was unthinkable. Most experts believed Bruno had been lucky even to get a second world title bout. Not surprisingly, the Briton went into retirement.

Yet, after coming out of retirement three years later and suffering a further defeat in six rounds against Lennox Lewis — Bruno will not just be meeting Tyson but defending a world title against the man who was once the undisputed champion. But can it be said with confidence that Bruno has no chance of beating Tyson? No. A good case can be made out for Bruno. Whether it will stand up on the night is another matter.

Much has changed in this gambling city since that bout Hotel. The landscape has been transformed: galleons have appeared in mid-Strip, from which pirates battle it out with "His Majesty's Navy", a volcano has popped up at the Mirage. Dunes has been blown up, a fairy-tale castle, Excalibur, has materialised from nowhere and a great pyramid. Luxor, has been hauled into place. You can go from 4,000BC to modern times by monorail - from the time of the ancient god, Amon,

to Mammon in minutes. But nothing has changed quite so much as Bruno. The man who needed a hypnorist

Dallaglio can meet challenge of leading **England**

David Hands finds an international

newcomer possessing

the credentials to succeed Will Carling

The only aspect in which Will Carling faltered when he announced his impending resignation as caprain of the England rugby union team was to coincide with the downfall of England's cricketers. Thus, the two team sports could be linked in one

gloomy headline. Carling's departure is no crisis for rugby, merely an ing of time. Nor is it a decision made for purely commercial reasons, though it could be perceived as such. Carling's advisers act in the belief that what is right for the sport will probably be right for their client and, in this instance,

they are on the mark. Eight seasons at the helm of a sport whose profile has grown as significantly as rugby's is enough for any man. Carling never had a youth in international rugby: within ten months of his first cap, he had made his first tour and been appointed captain. Who would deny him the possibility of a glorious autumn, untrammelled by the cares of captaincy?

The one aspect of Carling's international career that is unarguable is the manner in which he has sustained his playing form. You may sug-gest that he has never been the greatest reader of a game, yet it is virtually impossible to remember when he has not been worth his place in the team, never more so than this season when his personal life has been in such turmoil.

Over the course of 65 internationals, that takes some doing. Athletes talk of peaking for given championship meetings, but rugby players are required to hold their edge for weeks at a time over the course of a five nations' championship or a World Cup.

Carling made his international debut as a second choice. Simon Halliday and John Buckton were the senior



centres in England's midseason trial during 1987-88, but both withdrew from contention with injury. The same parallel might be drawn with Lawrence Dallaglio, one of the contenders to fill Carling's boots as captain next season.

Dallaglio began this season with a reputation as a utility back-row forward, probably favouring the blind-side flank. He was uncapped, he had missed a World Cup place, despite touring South Africa with England in 1994, and when Jack Rowell, the England manager, spoke of reverting to an out-and-out openside specialist, the names on his lips were those of Neil Back, Andy Robinson and Rory Jenkins. Dallaglio, the Wasps captain, did not become an original selection until the second game of the season, against Western Samoa, so he has been forced to learn the nuances of playing at No 7 while adjusting to the tempo and extraneous demands of international rugby. That the final-year student at Kingston University has coped sneaks volumes for him.

ike Carling, then, he has one season of internaitional rugby under his belt. For the rest, the Rugby Football Union (RFU), the ultimate arbiters of the next England captain, have time on their side, and heaven knows they need it. Player contracts. club v country and the competitive structure weigh heavily on their minds, never more than this week, with the meeting yesterday of the English first division clubs followed tomorrow by an Anglo-Welsh club gathering and, on Friday. by the European clubs' association meeting in Cardiff. The absence of a summer

tour is no bad thing and will allow leading players a decent rest while the team management makes up its collective mind on a recommendation for captain. First, the RFU must approve the management at its annual meeting in July; thereafter England's new captain can take up his duties two, possibly three, prelowed by the 1997 five nations.

Villeneuve the understudy steals the show

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN MELBOURNE

EDDIE IRVINE'S Irish eyes were smiling, dancing. behind his round sunglasses. He sat in the bright light of the late afternoon outside the Ferrari garage, drinking in the fact that he had finished a fine third in his first race for the team and spared their blushes after his team-mate. Michael Schumacher, had been forced to retire with brake

That must make me the No l. then." Irvine said. joking about the relationship with the German that has astounded everyone with its warmth and mutual respect. "Everything is reversed. I will be getting Michael's wages from now on. In fact, I'm going straight to the airport now to see if there are any private planes for sale."

Schumacher has already admitted that Irvine is the most talented team-mate he has had and Flavio Briatore, the Benetton managing director, may regret the terms of a bet he made with Eddie Jordan, the Jordan team owner. Every time Schumacher outqualifies Irvine this year, Jordan pays Briatore £5,000; every time outqualifies Irvine Schumacher, Briatore pays Jordan £20,000. Jordan is

already £20,000 up. Despite Irvine's outstanding start, though, another nominal No 2 driver stole the lion's share of the attention in the Australian Grand Prix here on Sunday. Damon Hill won the race but it was his team-mate, Jacques Villeneuve, whose perfor-

mance startled even the

most seasoned observers. Villeneuve, the reigning IndyCar charapion, became only the fourth man in the history of the sport to qualify on pole position for his first race. He was only five laps away from becoming the first driver for 35 years to win on his Formula One debut when oil-pressure problems forced him to cede the lead to Hill.

His performance and the dominance of the Williams-Renault cars over the rest of the field raised the prospect of the two team-mates finding themselves embroiled in a season-long battle for the championship and brought lavish praise from all corners for the young Canadian's debut. Football has had its share of "next George Bests"; now Formula One is touting its next Ayrton

Serma. Small, with prematurely thinning hair. Villeneuve is a devotee of the grunge look; casual, scruffy. But there is something about him, an aura, that tells you he is bound for greatness.

"He has got something special that makes him stand out from most other drivers," Hill said. "Whatever it is, it means he is going to make his mark on Formu-



ia One. I am really quite pleased to have him in the team. It is a good motivation for me. But I showed I was capable of matching him. It is not as if he was outpacing me. Sometimes, in the past, I have kicked myself because. last year in particular, I tried to screw too much out of myself. When I am relaxed and just let it flow, I have a great time in the car. It is iust experience.

Patrick Head, the Williams technical director, was unstinting in his praise for Villeneuve. "I am mightily impressed," Head said. "He is obviously very talented. It is great to see how much he loves his racing. It is not stressful for him. He is a

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent There is a new international competition on the calendar, the

Politken World Pairs. The inaugural event was held in November in Copenhagen. West made an elementary mistake on this hand, from the match between four Danish players: East-West game

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North-South had the better of the auction when they managed to buy the contract in Five Hearts. At other tables East-West bid a slam in clubs or diamonds, and made it by taking the right guess in clubs. It looks reasonable for East to double Five Hearts - after all, his hand is defensively oriented. But if he had passed, West would surely have competed further; the correct bid on his hand would be 5NT, the "Unusual No-Trump". That expresses willingness to play in another suit - here clearly diamonds, as he has by-

passed Five Spades. The lead was an obvious singleton, and declarer won in dummy to play a heart. East went in with the ace, and intelligently continued with the king of diamonds. West played low and East then tried to give him a spade ruff with his trump void. So declarer made his contract.

What went wrong? You might say that East should assume South has seven hearts, but that isn't cast-iron. If South were 3-6-4-0, giving West a spade ruff would be the only winning defence. But West should have been aware of this. As he couldn't ruff a spade he should have overtaken the diamond and played clubs himself. That way the accident would have beeen

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ANGICO

a. A plaster cherub c. A tumour

a. Curried ravioli b. The Mexican lasso a. To slope b. A surgeon's knife c. To blench BEEKITE

FLANCH

a. The bee-eating buzzard b. The first Britons

Answers on page 46



By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

New generation

In 1935 Alexander Alekhine lost his title to the Dutchman Dr Max Euwe, nine years Alekhine's junior. Two years later. Alekhine regained the world championship and retained it until his death in Portugal in 1946.

From 1935 onwards Alekhine crossed swords frequently with the younger generation which included Paul Keres, Samuel Reshevsky, Mikhail Botvinnik, Salo Flohr and Reuben Fine. Generally. Alekhine gave as good as he got against the coming men, and on occasion, he was still able to despatch his younger rivals with the tiery brilliance which had characterised his best games in the past. Today's game was a superb example of Alekhine's forte for combination and the attack. In a seemingly tense and balanced situation Alekhine unleashes a furious sacrificial

unexpected checkmate. White: Alexander Alekhine Black: Samuel Reshevsky

onslaught which forces an

Kemeri 1937 Alekhine's Defence 3 Nf3 6 Be2 7 Nxe5 Oxe5 Bxe2 Oxe4 N8d7 Nxd7 c6 8 Oxe2 9 0-0 10 Nxd7 12 Be3 13 Red1

Bc7 23 h3 Nd7 25 Qc3 28 Nb6+ COD6 Rd7 Qg3

Diagram of final position O ii fi fi fi

Grand Prix

Early leaders in the National Grand Prix, which recognises outstanding achievement in UK tournaments, are as follows: 1, B Lalic 86.6pts; 2. K Arkel 85.9; 3, S Conquest 75; 4. M Hebden 70; 5, S Lalic 60.9; 6. J Howell 49.5.

It is interesting to observe that the husband and wife team of Bogdan and Susan Lalic are holding down two of the top five places, a most unusual occurrence.

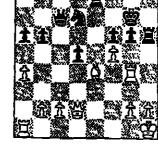
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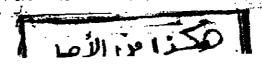
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Schwicker - Boudre, France 1981. It looks as if White might be in trouble, as Black has two threats, ... Qxtl2 mate and ... dxe4. However, White's following sequence swiftly decided matters in his favour. What did he play?

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Highbury supporters face another season of discontent

Wright adds to Arsenal worries

By Russell Kempson and Peter Ball

ARSENAL supporters were feeling there is more to come. yesterday digesting the impli-cations of Ian Wright's transfer request. Just when they thought it was safe to look forward to an end-of-season push for Uefa Cup qualification, just when they thought the dust from the Paul Merson and George Graham affairs had finally settled, it was crisis time again at Highbury.

Wright, 32, cited general dissatisfaction as the reason behind his sudden move, despite scoring 19 goals this season and his appointment as captain in place of the injured Tony Adams. I'm not happy any more," he said. "Certain things have hurt me and there have been times when I have been criticised harshly and unfairly,"

Scunthorpe United, the strug-gling Endsleigh Insurance League third division club, yesterday parted company with Dave Moore, their manager since June 1994. Mick Buxton, who was manager at Glanford Park from 1987 until 1991, has been placed in charge until the end of the season. The position will then be advertised.

Bruce Rioch, the Arsenal manager, tried to persuade Wright to withdraw his request. "I tried to talk him out of it but he said he wanted to hand it in," Rioch said. "I will recommend to the board that, for the time being, they turn it

the long-suffering Arsenal supporters, it is a recurring bad dream. Mick Coppock, editor of Gunflash, the official Arsenal supporters' club magazine, said: "I never thought I'd see the day that a player of lan's calibre would demand a transfer from this club. If a player of his stature wants to go, there has to be something seriously wrong

simmering behind the scenes. "We're all pretty devastated by this and you also get the

We thought we'd finished with this sort of business and you begin to wonder when it's all going to end. I get the impression that either Wright or Rioch, or maybe both, won't be with us next season.

Alan Smith, the former Arsenal forward, was equally bemused. "It seems to be a clash between Ian and Bruce, the type of thing that can happen when a club is going through a transitional per-iod," he said. "Every new manager wants to do things his way and it's up the fans to

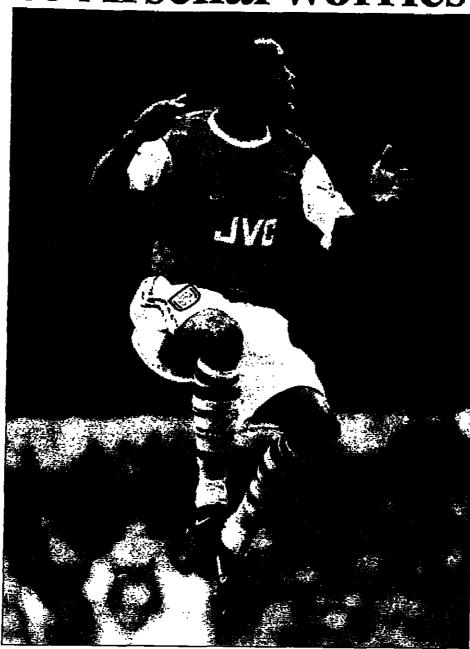
try to be patient."

Wright, who signed a fouryear contract last year, is a volatile character, prone to swift changes of mood, and only last week spoke of his pride at being offered the captaincy. "It's a great honour," he said. "I took on the role in as serious a way as I could so that people will realise the boss [Rioch] made a good decision."

Rioch is not on the best of terms with David Dein, the Arsenal vice-chairman, either. who arrived at Highbury in June but has yet to sign his contract, feels Dein has become too involved in the quest for new players and is undermining his authority.

Though age is not on his side. Wright's goalscoring record — 141 in 209 matches for Arsenal - is likely to attract much interest, for a fee of around £2 million. Chelsea, who play Manchester City at Stamford Bridge tonight, had a tentative inquiry rebuffed two weeks ago but will be encouraged by the latest developments.

Manchester City's visit to London tonight marks the start of an important week for the Maine Road club, with a home match against their fellow FA Carling Premiership strugglers, Southampton, on Saturday. It has led to Alan Ball, the City manager, issuing a clarion call to arms to his team for the first time since, in his own words, he "got out the



Wright has scored 141 goals in 209 matches for Arsenal but now he wants a transfer

centre

big stick" in the autumn. "This wasn't the big stick as such," Ball said. "The training was great again this morning, but they've got to take that out into a match situation and win

"So it's the most forceful I've been with them for quite a while, just to get my point over

☐ Gillingham and Fulham of the importance of this particular time of the season, and what is expected of responsible, City will almost certainly be without Niall Quinn, their forward, tonight. Curle and Brown are also

have escaped with a warning from the Football Association after their fractious Endsleigh Insurance League third division match on November 25. The game at Priestfield left one player with a broken leg, ten men booked and two sent off - one by mistake.

New rules on lottery funding to provide sports boost

BY JOHN GOODBODY

ABOUT £35 million from the proceeds of the National Lottery will be used as revenue funding of sport over the next year, the Government will announce next month.

The money will include between £5 million and £10 million to help support elite competitors, particularly in the Olympic events, as well as providing money for coaching, maintenance of existing facilities, and the staging of international championships in Britain. At the moment, the Lottery Sports Fund finances only capital projects.

The fund, which is chaired

by Trevor Brooking, handed out £180 million to aid 1,027 projects in its first year. Under the new rules, it will be allowed to provide money for staff at sports centres and playing fields, as well as preparation of athletes from grass-root to elite levels.

From April, the Sports Council, which acts with overall control, will also allow up to 90 per cent funding for capital projects in deprived rural areas, compared with the usual 65 per cent. This mirrors the policy for inner-city areas. Nearly 20 per cent of England is designated by the Rural Development Commission as an area of deprivation.

David Carpenter, the fund's external affairs manager, said: "Deprived rural areas will still have to meet the usual criteria, such as catering for young people." The Sports Council yester

day announced its 1.000th lottery grant. The sum of £40,723 was allocated to Tavistock Rugby Club to help to build new changing-rooms, so allowing men and women to play the sport at the same time. Claire Ellis, 11, said: "At the moment, we change in the toilets and then go home to have a shower.'

· 特别。 Best of British bar Jansher's path

JANSHER KHAN will almost certainly have to beat the best players Britain has to offer if he is make a fourth successful defence of his British Open squash championship in Cardiff in April. Presuming he first beats Derek Ryan, the Irish No I, and then Zarak Jahan, his Pakistani compatriot, Jansher is likely to meet Del Harris, the fifth-seeded English No I, in the quarter-finals. Either Peter Nicol, of Scotland, or Chris Walker, of England, is likely to await the winner in the last four. Harris pressed Jansher uncomfortably close in the World Open final in November and Nicol is the last man to have defeated the Pakistani in tournament play.

TOP SEEDS: Merc 1, J Krisn (Pakstan); 2, R Eyles (Aus); 3, B Martin (Aus), 4, P Nicol (Scot), 5, D Harris (Eng); 5, C Walker (Eng); 7, A Hill (Aus); 8, M Chalones (Eng) Wemers: 1, M Martin (Aus); 2, S Ricolerabl (Aus), 3, L Intring (Aus), 4, C. Joschmen (Eng), 5, C Owens (Aus); 8, S Homer (Eng); 7, S Schone (Gen), 8, F Geares (Eng)

Super League setback

RUGBY LEAGUE: An Australian court yesterday dealt a blow to plans for a rebel Super League backed by News Limited, the Australian arm of The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*. Justice James Burchett ordered Super League to tell its contracted players to return to their Australian Rugby League (ARL) clubs and banned it from paying them if they failed to do so. The judge backed the ARL's claim to be the sole controlling body of the game in Australia and banned Super League, or any alternative run by Britain's Rugby Football League, until the end of 1999.

England get prize draw

BADMINTON: The England women, who unexpectedly qualified for the world team finals from the Uber Cup in Prague last month, have been given the best possible group draw for the tournament in Hong Kong in May. They have avoided the holders, Indonesia, and China, the favourites, and will play Denmark, Hong Kong and South Korea. The England men have a tougher draw which includes Indonesia, the holders, and one of the favourites, China.

Faldo heads for Europe

GOLF: Nick Faldo will make his first appearance in Europe this season when he contests the Benson and Hedges International Open at The Oxfordshire in May. Faldo, now based with the US PGA Tour, played only three tournaments in Europe last year, but he has committed himself to both the Benson and Hedges event — in which he has been a runner-up on three occasions — and the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth the next week.

Henman on the rise

TENNIS: Tim Henman, from Oxford, has risen 15 places to No 64 in the latest world rankings after reaching the semifinals of the Rotterdam indoor tournament last week. He consolidated his position in the first round of the ATP tournament in Copenhagen yesterday, beating Henrik Holm, of Sweden, 4-6, 7-5, 7-6. Henman closed the gap on the Canadian-born Greg Rusedski, now representing Britain, who dropped two places to No 44.

BASKETBALL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NIBA): Orisn-do 122 Phoenix 106; Miami 88 Cleveland 81; Boston 110 Milwaukee 103; Loa Angeles Cippers 104 Philadelphia 102; Ulah 104 Minnisota 96; Portland 113 Indana 108 (OT2): Houston 95 Vancouver 89; Washington 99 Atlanta 91; New York 104 Chroago 72; San Antonio 105 Seelite 105; Toronto 128 Dallas 112; New Jerssy 99

RILLIARDS

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RED STRIPE CUIP: Final third day of four); Pointe a Pierre: Lewward Islands 400 (D. Joseph 118, R. Jacobs 89; R. Dhanray 4-144).

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nd 230 (Dhanral 4-68, A Samaroo 4-44); inidad and Tobago 330 (A Smith 99, M odoo 65; I. Weekes 5-82) and 10-0. CYCLING.

PARIS-NICE RACE: Second stage (Dur-sur-Auron to Aubusson, 158m): 1. W Nelissen (Bel) 3hr 52min 44sec; 2. M Opollin (II), 3, T Steels (Bel); 4. L Jasbert (Fr), 5, F Moncasson (Fr); 16, C Boardman (GB); 28, M Sciendil (GB); 71, S Yates (GB) (Fi), 5, F Moncassan (Fr); 16, C Boardman (GB); 28, M Sciandh (GB); 71, S Yahas (GB) all seme time. Oweralt 1; Nelissen 8-16:44; 2, Cipollini 4sep behind; 3, Steels 6: 4, Jalabert same time; 5, Moncassin 8. ROAD RACES: Mensey RC two-day (Hopa, Clwyd, 123 miles); 1, R Elingworth (Feam Ambrosle) at 38ec; 3, M McKey (Ambrosa) et 38ec. Jock Wedfley Memorial (Cotchester, 88 miles); J Ramsbottom (North Winal Velo) 3/41:18. Featherstone RC (Leeds, 53 miles); K Dawson (Dottmun Performance RT) 2/4/3/8, Cerdfill Alax CC (Vala of Gamorgen, 55 miles); M Rogers (Team Brergy) 2-16:17. Royal Sustion CC (Abbots Bromley, Staffs, 53 miles); J Tonks (Parker International RT) 2:12/08. Sunk laland (North Humberside, 52 miles); A Hornby (Brough Wh) 2:15/02. Hardispool CC (Timidon, 50 miles); P Curran (Optimum Performance RT) 2:11/30. Wallsall RCC (Mo-up 25 miles); S Dangerfield and I Gilles (Parker International RT) 52-45 Nottingham Cierlon (two-up 25 miles); C Alcock and C Roy (Mansfeld RC) 56:56 Diss and District CC (25 miles); D Gil (Des and District SC) (13) St Hempshire RC (Hardisfers' 39km); P Fowwell (Bournemouth Jubiles Wh) 1:00:54. Chester RC (wo-up 23 miles); A Roberts and P Hodgidnson (Crewe Clarion Wh) 51:11 Clavelsand Wheelers (13b) 21 miles); H Walker (GS Metro) 44:41 (course record).

GOLF

FA Carling Premiership Chelsea v Manchester City (7 45) .

Endsleigh Insurance League

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25 Walsel v Chear Teid
26 Wiresham v Stockpon
27 Wycombe v Brentford
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HOCKEY

WELSH WOMEN'S CUP: Quarter-finel: Llanelli 1 Cardiff Athletic 2 WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP,

zone 3 (Bisham): Oron 3 Beris 1; Stroparlire 0 Suffolk 3; Staffs 2 Oron 3; Derbyshire 6 Lincs 0; Suffolk 2 Derbyshre 1; Beris 2 Staffs 1; Lincs 0, Shropshire 6 ICE HOCKEY

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ORATORY SCHOOL: Field Trophy net-MELBOURNE: World championship, fina eliminator: W Davies (Aus) tri M Gooding 6 5, 6-3, 6-1, 4-6. Deves leads by five sets to three in the best-ol-13-sets eliminator.

TENNIS MEXICO CITY: Men's tournament: Final: 7 Muster (Austra) bi J Novak (Cz) 7-8, 6-2. NEWPORT: LTA Winster series finals: Men:
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Bleckburn (Sornerset) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.
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8-0, 2-6, 6-1; J Heisert-Decugis (F1) 6-1, 3-6,
6-4; I Spirlea (Rom) bt S Hack (Ger) 7-5, 75; J Wiesner (Austria) bt E Likhowseva
(Russ) 6-4, 6-2; L Lee (US) bt Jing Cien Yi
(Orina) 6-4, 6-4; J Caprtati (US) bt Sni-Ting
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SCOTTSDALE, Arizone: Men's tourna-ment: Final: W Ferreira (SA) bt bt M Rios (Chile) 2-6, 6-3, 8-3. NEWPORT: LTA Winter series tinals; Men:

RUGBY UNION

ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHEP: Roma 16 Milan 49; San Dona 14 Treviso 13; Placenze 18 L'Aquilla 15; Livomo 9 Pedova 5; Catanua 19 Rowigo 19; Calvisano 9 Mirano 7

TYNEMOUTH: Proctor Memorial Open championship, final: M Chaloner (Eng) bt C Van Der Wath (SA) 9-1, 6-9, 9-2, 9-4. SNOOKER

BANGKOK: Thellend Open: First round: S Davis (Eng) bt S Lee (Eng) 5-3; A Robidoux (Can) bi N Bond (Eng) 5-4; K Dohenty (Ire) bt T Knowles (Eng) 5-1; J Woodman (Eng) bt T Griffiths (Wates) 5-2; D Roe (Eng) bt B Sneddon (Scot) 5-0; J White (Eng) bt J

ATHLETICS

STOCKHOLM: European indoor championships: Corrected result: High jump: 1, D Topic (Nag) 2,35m, not as published vesterday

TOUN'S EXTURES.

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated * denotes all-ticket

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Port Vale v Stoke (7.45) West Bromwich v Watford (7.45) Vauxhall Conference * Blackpool v Burnley Bradford v Swindon (7.45)

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30 D'caster v Scunthipe 1
31 Fulhem v Cernbridge 1
32 Hereford v Hartispool 1
33 Leylon O v Lincoln 3
34 Marsfield v Giffgham 2
35 Plymouth v Northipton 1
36 Preston v Daringson 1
37 Scerboro v Colchester 2
38 Torquay v Barnet 2
(at Barnet) 39 Wigan v Cardiff 1 1 Pools panel to adjudicate

DRAWS (home learns): Covertry, Middles-brough, Sheffield Wednesday, Totterham, Notts County, Peterborough, Leyton Orient, Falkirk, Dundee United, St. Johnstone, Montrose, Allos. BEST DRAWS: Sheffield Wednesday, Totenham, Peterborough, Leyton Orient, AWAYS: Manchester United, Cryslal Pal-ecc, Brentford, Colchester, Barnet.

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HOMES: Uverpool Stoke, Brighton, Bristol Rovers. Wesham, Chester, Doncester, Fulhem, Plymouth, Wigan, Berwick, East Fife. Fife.
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Vince Wright

Workington v Fleetwood, Worksop v Ashton
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replay: Budon v Guiseley

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Surbury Tr. Midland division: Buckongham
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Rothwell v Soithult: Stourbridge v
Briggnorth. Southern division: Braintrea v
Trowbridge; Cindertord v Fareham. Havent
v Weston-super-Mare; Tombridge Angels v
Pools; Winney v Stillingbourne.

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v Handon; Chertsey v Worthing (7.45);
Grays v Enfield: St Albares v Dulwedt; Susson
United v Carphathon. First division:
Berkhamsted v Bariding (7.45); Bellericay v
Thame (7.45); Lethidge v Wernbley;
Wolningham v Marlow Second division:
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Wernbley;
Worthes v Titbury (7.45); Third division:
Cove v Southall (7.45); Harriedd v Lewes (7.45);
Leatherhead v Cenvey Island (7.4

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Pro GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Hemiter ownsom Barnstaple v Shrone; Chippenham v Caine; Odd Down v Mangotsfield. JEWSON EASTIERN COUNTIES LEA-GUE: Premier division: Falsenham v Dias; Harwich and Parkeston v Halstaad; March v Soham; Tigbee v Clactor; Wrotham v Hadleigh U JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First di-vision I uminesion v Whitchurch; Swansoe JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE First division: Lymingson v Whitchurch; Swenege and Herston v Thatcham. UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Boston v Raunds, Holbeach v Wellingborought; Wootton v Stotfold.
INTERLINK EXPRIESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Boldmer St M v Chassoven; Hindeley Athletic v Botehali S; Shiftnel T v Rocester; Stapenhil v Kympersley V; Willenhali v Borwell.
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Garden; Shillington v Milton Keynes;
Biggleswade v Royston.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE:
Premier division: Liversedge v North
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NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First
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RUGBY UNION Club matches

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ELECTION OF DENTISTS
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12th March 1996
NORMAN DAVIES
Returning Officer
Office of the
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Note: The Company in able to pay all its imous condition in fail.

Dated 28th Pubrumy 1996

R Smith - Liquidator

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Notice is hereby given that
Christopher Klim Raymeni, of
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Notice is hereby given that a receiting of the creditors of the shower named company will be hate under the provinces of Section 48 of the Impovency Act 1986 at Bennington Hotel, 92 Seathershorn Row, London, WCIB 48H on 4 April 1996 at 10.16am for the Purposes period. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to allend or to be represented at the ottlend or to be represented at the meeting.

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Joint Administrative receiver

Dated 8th March 1996.

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MLR. DORRINGTON, Liquidator

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ELECTION OF DENTAL
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Plotting a perfect course towards Gold Cup



Jamie Osborne describes the

tactics a jockey must refine

before tackling Cheltenham

Tor jockeys as well as trainers and horses. Cheltenham is the supreme test. Every aspect of a jockey's craft will be minutely examined over these next three days. At the Festival, races are faster, fields are bigger and more bunched and jockeys have a fraction less time to react. The racing is more cutthroat since so much is at stake. Mortgages can be paid here, reputations won and lost and no one wants to be responsible for failure.

Contrary to popular opinion, I think Cheltenham is a fast track - it certainly is this week. It is also difficult to find a rhythm here in the way you can around more straightforward oval tracks, such as Newbury. There are hills, dips, no real straights, some tight bends. It always throws up some uncertainty.

This can be the best week of the year - and the worst. Drive out of the course on Thursday evening with a few winners under your belt and there is no better feeling in the world. Drive out with doubts and they will haunt you for the rest of the year. I have experi-

enced both emotions. In 1992, I rode five winners. Last year, five seconds, including Large Action in Champion Hurdle. On the way through each race in my mind to check whether

i could have done anything differently. Large Action had a dream run. I was exactly where I wanted to be throughout the race. I even thought for a split second after the last that I had won it. In a way, that was even harder. Knowing we had done everything right and yet still been beaten.

My own preparations for Cheltenham started on Sunday, when I watched the video of races run by my horses this week. Some, such as Mysilv, Flashing Steel and Danjing, I know well: Master Beveled, Yahmi and Trying Again, for example, are unknown quantities. I watch how the horse likes to run, how it jumps and maybe look at certain races at past Festivals to see if any pattern emerges. What pos-Cheltenham, it is very rare for a horse to come from a long trying to drop a horse out. Any ground lost at the beginning has to be made up at the end and the pace rarely slackens.

drive to the course with just Frank the dog for company, so that I have time to visualise how I would like my races to go. Maybe once over the three days, a race will go to plan, but it is important to know what you want to do. The advantage of races like the Champion Hurdle and the Gold Cup is that you know the horses and how they run.

It is no secret that Mysilv. my ride in the Champion Hurdle today, is a frontrunner, which presents different problems. I believe Cheltenham is a good track for front-runners, but you have to judge the pace right, decide whether to stretch the field from the start or break up the rhythm of the race by slowing it down from time to time. You are there to be shot at and both Hotel Minelia and Alderbrook

in reserve for the final hill. At Cheltenham, more races are won and lost in the first half-mile than the last. There will be some discussion in the weighing-room beforehand about who might make the - some will tell the running

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have the speed? Do you go for the safer option in the middle and give up precious ground? Do you play completely safe, risk the wrath of owner and trainer by going on the outside? Mysteriously, the less experienced jockeys always end up on the outside - but you can win from there. When Royal Gait won the Champion Hurdle in 1992, Graham McCourt went all the way

round the outside because the

horse was so inexperienced. Different jockeys have different ways of riding a race. Seven times out of ten, Richard Dunwoody will try to get on the rail just behind the leaders and hold on, impose himself on the race and defy anyone to take his place.



Dwyer and Jodami, left, clear the last alongside Rushing Wild on the way to winning the 1993 Cheltenham Gold Cup. Photograph: Ian Stewart

No one wants to be caught going too wide. The run to the first fence in the back straight is downhill, which is tricky, ause the weight shifts from the hind quarters to the front and makes it more difficult for the horse to engage its back legs ready for the jump.

The water jump should be no problem. On the second circuit, there is a chance to get a breather, assess how your horse is going and how every-one else is. This is the flattest part of the course, about a mile from home. Last year, this was where Norman Williamson decided to pull Master Oats to the outside. He had just clattered the first in the back straight and Norman wanted to get him away from the

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others and get him back on the

You can feel the difference between a horse who cannot go any faster and one who does not want to. The head comes up, the stride changes. Norman shouted at me to make room and, because Flashing Steel, my mount, was going nowhere. I gave it to him. It was a last resort, a brave decision, but it won him the Gold Cup.

The two open ditches have claimed more fallers than almost any other fences on the course, but no one can work out why. It is the worst sort of fall too, straight out of the front, different from ditch falls anywhere else. Last year, Flashing Steel got in too close

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and over we went. You have to treat those with respect.

The hill can also be a place to grab a breather. It depends how your horse is travelling. Ideally, you will use as little energy as possible so the horse has a chance to fill its lungs ready for the downhill run. At the top, if there is the merest glimpse of victory, caution is thrown to the wind. This is where the naturally good impers come into their own. Like humans, horses have

varying degrees of athleticism and brain-power. The best, such as Wayward Lad, have the physical ability - and — to jump a fence from six yards back and the brains to flick over it from two feet. Their target range is huge, which makes the jockey's job much easier. Others have a more limited range.

Their stride into the fence has to be just right. Both horse and jockey have ideas how they want to jump a fence, but the horse has to do the jumping. The jockey should be a good passenger, persuading rather than en-forcing. On Docklands Express. I could get from the top to the bottom of the Cheltenham hill quickly and safely with a blindfold on. He would do it for me. With others, you sometimes wish you could be blindfolded. The good jockeys see the problem from way back and have solved it by the fence, but if you see a lot of

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ping, pushing and shoving, something is not right.

At this stage, the better your horse is travelling, the fewer the risks you need to take. The horse is going as fast as at any time in the race. If a horse has a big leap in him. this is where you might want to use it. Then, it is into the finishing straight with two to jump, £120,000 prize-money staring you in the face and the brain going at a zillion miles an hour. You are 30 seconds from winning a Gold Cup, but, on a tired horse, the lollipop stick can look as if it is three miles away.

There are still critical decisions to be made. Do you try to fly the last and risk falling or play safe and lose momentum? When Jodami won three years ago, Mark Dwyer took a pull in the straight. He did not want to hit the front too soon, but that took some nerve. This is the bit everyone in the stands sees, so you do not want to mess up. It is a matter of trying to keep the rhythm and can sometimes be as effective as working flat out, though you had better win if you sit still. It can be the best moment and the worst. Either way, time for reflection is limited. There is another race to be won in half an hour.

Interview: Andrew Longmore

Festival backers bank on one-man show

By JULIAN MUSCAT

THE dream ticket for the three-day Cheltenham Fes-tival, which opens today, is for jump racing's showpiece event to develop into a one-man show.

Punters will be hoping that Richard Dunwoody's outstanding book of rides translates into a fistful of winners. They will bank on Nicky Henderson adding to his hand of 17 Festival victories to date. More than that, however, they will be flocking to Prestbury Park on Thursday to cheer home One Man in the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

One Man's run for gold will be masterminded by Dunwoody, who has already compared the grey favourably with another of his colour. Desert Orchid. With one exception, the hope in racing circles is that, like Desert Orchid, One Man's natural exuberance will project him to a wider audience.

Bookmakers comprise that exception. Coral reports ante-post liabilities on One Man to the tune of £292,000, and expects the 5-4 favourite to be heavily supported on the day. "One Man has already attracted a substantial following, and they'll all want to back him irrespective of his odds." Rob Hartnett, Coral's racecourse representative. said. An estimated £100 million will be bet over the

three days. Unusually, Coral is offering 7-2 against One Man winning by more than ten lengths, and the same price about a winning a distance of ten lengths or less. The last time Coral traded in winning distances was when Carvills Hill ran abysmally in the Gold Cup four

Like that flawed chaser. One Man will have to overcome an apparent dislike of Cheltenham to land the blue riband. He has failed to make the frame in three previous visits.

The biggest danger to Imperial Call, the Irishtrained horse who fronts a strong challenge from his native country. The combined talents of Danoli and Hotel Minella present a formidable Irish obstacle to Alderbrook's attempt for a repeat victory in the Champion Hurdle today.

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2.00 Megamunch, 2.35 Just Frankie, 3.10 Final Hope, 3.40 Notable Exception. 4.15 Mill Thyme. 4.50 Toshiba Talk. Carl Evans: 3.10 Final Hope

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5-4 Ali On, 17-4 Mill Thyrne, 7-1 Copportures, 8-1 Amesiasia Windson, 12-1 Dem Broky, 14-1 Grouse N-Healther, 20-1 others

4.50 NORTHERN ELECTRIC CHARITY CHALLENGE SERIES NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (52,460: 2m 11) (10)

Dean Gallagher landed a double at Carlisle yesterday on Soloman's Dancer and Star Rage. Gallagher will be reunited with Star Rage in the County Hurdle at Cheltenham on

THUNDERER 2.10 Harding, 2.40 Sails Legand, 3.15 Dont Tell The Wife, 3.50 Katie Oliver, 4.25 Jultare, 5.00 King

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 Pembridge Place.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES)

2.10 HAWTHORN HILL HOVICES HURDLE (£2,548; 2m 6f 110yd) (12 runners)

7-2 Harding, 4-1 Deymar, 9-2 King Gastach, 5-1 Kilicorau Bay, Old Archives, 6-1 Factación Fleet, 10-1 others. **2.40 WOODSIDE NOVICES HURDLE** (£2,618: 2m) (17)

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1 511 FROGRAMCH 10 (0.5) P Philips B-11-12 ... J Raillong
2 2037 LORD MCAMPROUGH 13 (5) I Newise 6-11-5 ... D Gallagher 94
3 1362 WRESH WASSLER 12 (0.3) May P Robesso 5-11-0 A S Smith 93
4 5570 BLATART CURRENS 12 (7) G Bravery 6-10-12 ... T Knett 76
5 GF4U CLOCK WATCHERS 11 J Bridger 8-10-12 ... W McFartard 80
EL ATREVROU 99 W Water 6-10-12 ... W McFartard 80
EL ATREVROU 99 W Water 6-10-12 ... W McFartard 80
BLOOK BRANKY BELL 15 P Hayward 6-10-12 ... M Robesso 9
0 LIRAR RISK 87 FM Mass B School 10-12 ... M Robesso 9
0 LIRAR RISK 87 FM Mass B School 10-12 ... M Robesso 9
11 3 POSTMO 75 Mass C Game 5-10-12 ... M Robesso 9
12 PRINGROUG PLACE 15 6 Johnson Hongloon 5-10-12 ... M Robesso 9
13 PREPRINTIAL 80 C Game 5-10-12 ... J A McCardy 9
14 (123 SALS LEGBIO 161F Mass M Long 5-10-12 ... J Lawrouce 95
15 1-00 WORRENG 80 (9) T Rocks 5-10-12 ... S Wyons 81
16 (10 SLEVIM JAMES 80 M Mass 5-10-7 ... S Commo (8) 7
17 PS WOOLANDS SHERTS 99 P Prockard 5-10-7 ... S Commo (8) 7
15 Programms 9-2 Lord McMarrough 6-7 Salls Legend 7-1 Wrey Waterles 8-1 **COURSE SPECIALISTS**

TRANSERS: C Basolos, 5 wioners loses 19 numers, 26 3%, A Transell, 6 from 28, 27 4%; D Gandollo, 4 from 20, 200%; G Balding, 4 from 24, 16.7%; K Bailey, 9 lears 57, 15.8%; Alex J Plemes, 4 from 37, 10.8%; JOCKEYS: J R Kreastoph, 6 waners how 34 ridgs, 17.8%; D Sallapher, 4 from 29, 13.8%, 5 McNeill, 5 from 45, 11.1%; B Clafford, 3 from 27, 11.1%; M Richards, 9 from 84, 10.7%. Only qualifiers.

3.15 POPESWOOD HANDICAP CHASE

1 SSPF DON'T TELL THE WIFE 12 (D.G.S) C Enested 18-11-12 2 5266 MR PLANABAN 18 (D.G.S) C Brods 10-11-12 D Salaspher 9 3 1514 SCOD ROGA 103 (F.G.S) S Meltar 7-11-4 D Salaspher 9 3 1514 SCOD ROGA 103 (F.G.S) S Meltar 7-11-4 Menne 9 4 P-2P BOWN OF CATS 14 (B.S.A) Farmest 10-11-2 G Conce (7) S 2FDO ASK THE GOVERNOR 10 (F.G.S) G Batching 10-10-10 B Cattoric E 6 -140 ROYAL SOURKE 48 (D.B.F.S.S) G Hammond 10-10-7 M Richards 9 11.4 Mr Piarugaz, 3-1 Secol Bioga, 7-2 Dont Tell The Wile, 9-2 Bouri Of Clais, 6-1 Aut The Governor, 8-1 Royal Square

3.50 HORTON JUVENILE NOVICES HUROLE

5-2 Sulfi Again. 3-1 Nessun Doro, 3-2 Natio Other, 6-1 Grandes Crottes, 8-1 Stry Paddy, 10-1 Fee Tenter, 12-1 Jaiptir Princess, 14-1 others

4.25 virginia water novices chase

5-4 Julium, 7-2 Andre Luval, 4-1 See Scamp, 8-1 Flysm's Gel, 10-1 Chaso, 14-1 Thaisty, 16-1 Pounding Suri, 25-1 others

5.00 COLHBROOK HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,868: 2m) (8)

(22,000. 211) (6)

1 3240 WHENMARD ARRINS 68 (D.F.C.S) K Burks 10-11-1() R Septim 98

2 5513 KBE ARRELSTAIN 24 (D.B.F.A.S) K Mergan 8-11-9 A 5 Smith 98

3 280- GOLOWING 472 (D.F.B.S) 5 Woodson 11-10-11. S Michelle 93

4 597- RAARW 315 (D.F.G.S) 5 Woodson 11-10-11. S Michelle 93

5 00 TISSISST 13 (D.C.S) 1 Richy 7-10-9. G Upton 6 53-8 WORLD EDVERSES 12 (B) 8 Michelle 9-10-4. D Salter 93

7 07-8 EL GRANDO 27 (S) K Convingtion-Froms 6-10-0 D White (6) 87

8 PP-9 MOLTEMARDE 27 (S.A.S) Miss L Boner 12-10-0 M Richards 97

7-4 Yong Alteristan, 11-4 Giendons, 5-1 Windownd Arbora, 8-1 World Express, 7-1

Tescan, 8-1 El Grando, 12-1 others.

History sides with Irish raiders at Cheltenham

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WHAT will be the yield of winners from the powerful Irish assault on Cheltenham this week? The bookmakers think it will be four or five and make their prices accordingly. Since the war there have been but two blank years for

the raiders from over the

water: 1947, when because of

and in 1989 when they were having a lean time.

After only eight successes between 1987 and 1992 the Irish have bounced back with 13 victories in the last three seasons. Their grand total is an astonishing 184 since 1946. and it is worth looking back to this Festival, exactly half a century ago, to see how it set the severe winter, the Festival the mould for Irish success.

It was the year that Tom Dreaper sent Ireland's spectacular chaser, Prince Regent, owned by J V Rank, over for the easiest of victories in the Gold Cup. Then 11 years old, the war robbed him of greater Cheltenham glory. Dreaper saddled other heroes, notably Arkle, to become Ireland's topscoring Festival trainer with

26 successes up to 1971. Two days earlier, Charles another nine.

win the Champion Hurdle for Miss Dorothy Paget, thus initiating an Irish double that was emulated twice by Vin-cent O'Brien (with Hatton's Grace and Cottage Rake 1949-

Since that memorable three days, the Irish have taken the Gold Cup a further 15 times and the Champion Hurdle Taunton Going: good

Going: good 2.00 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1. Jefferies (G Upton; 10-11 lav); 2. Just-Maris-Mou (G-1); 3. Horsy/bed Wood (S3-1), 14 nen. 1%; 5. J. Old. Tole: 22.00; 21.40, 62.10; 92.10. DF: 57.80. Tylo: 5225.70 (part wor; pool of 5225.72 carried (onward to 3.30 at Chetten-ham today). CSF: £10.30.

2.20 (2m 110)vd ch) 1, Uncle Bert (D Fortt, 9-4 (an); 2, Sessaraccarrile (33-1); 3, Channel Pastime (5-1), 8 ran. 3(k), 1 k), G McCourt Tote: £2.80; £1.90, £5.80, £2.00. DF: £140.90. CSF: £49.34. Tricast £281.07.

201.(J. 3.00 (2m 11 hdfs) 1, Gerne Dilemma (R. Greene, 18-1); 2, Pharly Real (10-1); 3, Kir's Rose (5-1). Highest Rooks 3-11 fav. 13 ran. 194, 171. J. Mullins. Tots: £18.30; 63.20, £2.30, £1.30. OF 534.40 Trio: £78.90. CSF. £155.88. No bid.

E78.90. CSF: E155.68. No bid.
3.30 (2m 3f ort) 1, Mertine Dream (M Richards, 4-1); 2, Abaserd (12-1); 3, Southerreton (13-8 fav) 8 ran. NR-Methemisn. 2/61, 1/41. O Sherwood Total: E5.30; 21.70, 62.40, 21.30. DF: 521.80. Tric: 617.80; 628.62.62.
4.00 (2m 1f halle) 1, Pridewood Picter (A P McCoy, 6-1); 2, Bright November (7-1); 3, Koo's Promise (8-1). Handson 3-1 fav. 14 ran. 2/4, 3/4, R Price Total: 20.90; 62.40, (23.20, 62.10. DF: £75.10. Tho: £302.40 (part won; pool of £238.62 according to 3.30 at Chetterham locky) CSP: £53.50. Tricast: £490.35

1 Troses: 2460 (3)
4.30 (3m ch) 1, Space Cappa (Mass V Sephens, 3-1); 2, Just My Bib (16-1); 3, My Melton Man (7-1). Granville Guest Evens lav 11 ran. 51, 31. Miss V Sephens Tota: 24.30; 51.50, 62.40, 52.10. DF 524.40. Tho: 529.60. CSF: 545.25 110: 23.50. CST: 245.25 5.00 (2m 3f 110)rd hole) 1, Nordic Mine (G Tormey, 11-1); 2. Convoy (8-1); 3, Chris's Glen. (16-1). Sports View 5-2 fav. 11 ran 9, rik, P Hobbs, Totes: 510.10; 22.30, 22.90. 23.80. OF: £108.40. Trio: £310.50 (part won; pool of £174.94 carried forward to 330 st Chetterham boday) CSF: £84.17. Tricast: £1,273.54.

Placepot: £254.40. Quadpot: £43.20 Plumpton

Golvey good to sort, suft in places
2.20 (2m 11 hole) 1, Meant To Be (E. Murphy, 5-2); 2, Mousa Bird (10-11 fee); 3, Another Morik (25-1), 12 ran, Mr. Sher Bird, 2, 31, Lady Hantes, Tole; \$3,00; \$11.00, 13.80, \$2.00, DF; \$1.70 Trio; \$13.80, \$5.00, \$1.10, \$1.00, Eradu. Cor: 24.59. 2.50 (2m Si ch) 1, Lance Armstrong (G. McCourt. 4-9 taxt; 2, Chekesa Native (B-1); 3, Mester's Lad (16-1); 9 rain 3/si, 4) G. McCourt. Tote e1.70, E1 40, E1.70, E2 10. DF: £4.70. Thio: £16.50 CSF. £5.00.

3.20 (2m 4f holle) 1, Jovial Man (M A Falaperald, 11-2); 2, Touch Silver (5-1), 3, Buckland Led (8-1), Mayrisha House 3-1 lav. 12 ran 51, 7i Pl O'Sullivan, Tote 55 50;

3.50 (3m 1/ 110yd ch) 1, Loyel Note (M Simon Andrews, 15-8); 2, Royal frish (5-4 fax); 3, Paco's Boy (14-1), 6 ran, 6l, rk, Mrs E Andrews, Tote: 53.10; 51.40, 51.40, DF: 52.50, CSF: 54.27. 2.00, CSF: E4.27.
4.20 [2m 11 hdis] 1, hy Edith (Chris Webb, 11-4 j-fav); 2, Dark Nightingsle (12-1); 3, Mirester a Mediam (6-1), Ready To Drees 11-4 j-fav (pu), 8 ran, Nft: Joffs Greet, 41, 31, T Mills Toler (23.70; E1.10, E3.30, E2.20, DF: 229.50; Tric: £139.30 CSF: £31.30. Tricast: £144.81

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4.50 (2m 5i ch) 1, Whitppens Delight (D Walstr, 8-1); 2, Nathir (18-1); 3, Mase Fern (14-1). Time Enough 8-4 tav (pu) 8 ran NR: Merith: Friend, 8; 91 G Charles-Jones Tote; £8.60; \$2.00, \$2.60, \$3.00. DP: £48.90. Tim: £135.90 (pert wort: pool of £1.91 carried lonward to 3.30 st Chekerham today). CSF: £38.70. Titoast: £1,583.28

27,681.29 5.20 (2m 4f holis) 1, Son Of A Gunner (Mr J Cullon, 9-1): 2, Tim (13-2); 3, Rising's Lass (33-1); El Rutio B-4 #-lav (pu) B ran, 9, 9; J Newille, Tole: £14.40; £290, £1.60. £11.10. OF: £17.00. CSF £21 85. Jackpot: £11,074.70 (0.88 winning tickets; pool of £1,871.78 carried forward to Challenham today). Placepot £52.16, Quadpot: £25.80.

Going: good to firm, good in ptaces 2:10 (2m 1) Inde) 1, Solomon's Dencer (D Gallagher, 30-100 fay); 2, Colontal Ambiltion (7-1); 3, Whatdidyousay (14-1) 13 ran NS: Deep Fair, 1 VII, 3; W Heigh, Tota: 21.40; 21.10, 21.30, 21.90, DF: \$4.60, Tito: \$8.50 CSF: £4.18,

2-40 (3m 110yd hdie) 1, Peep O Day (O Pears, 1-2 lay); 2, Marrica (4-1); 3, Mass Lampight (5-1), 6 ran. NR: David's Way. Wil, 81, J Sym 10te: £1.20, £1.60, £1.10. DF: £2.70, CSF £2.71. 01: 2-10 Cor 22.77.
3-10 (3m ch) 1. Respers Rock (Mr P Murray, 11-4): 2. Caratiou II (4-6 fav): 3. Caratiou II (4-6 fav): 3. Caratioucier (16-1). 6 ren. 1%L 177 Mrs S Smith Total: 23.40: £1.80. £1.30 DF: £2.00. CSF: £4.88.

4.40 (2m 11 list recol) 1, Ele Meste (J Railton, 9.4 fav): 2, Cragnebuoy (200-1): 3, September Breeze (8-2): 13 ran 1 1/4, 1/4, Mrs A Swinberk Tote 53.40; 52.90, 51.100, \$1.20, DF: 1263.80 Trio: £145.00 (pert wort; pool of £112.35 cernied forward to 3.30 at Chellenham today). CSF: £210.10.

SOUTH DORSET (Millionne St. Andrew):
Rest I: 1, Emeraid Knight (P Herlisy, 8-2):
11 ran. Rest (Div II): 1, Earthmover (Miss.
P Curing, 3-1). 13 ran. Hunt. 1, The
Humblo filler (Miss. I. Krights, 11-1), 8
ran. Open 1, Fosthal Star (D Pipe, 4-8
fav). 5 ran. Ladlet: 1, Daybrook's Gilt
(Miss N Allan, 8-1), 8 ran. Open Min I: 1,
Birdnell Boy (Miss W Southcombe, 7-1)
18 ran. Open Min II: 1, Bengers Moor
(Miss. P Curling, 7-2), 16 ran. Intermediate 1, Viral Song (G Matthews, 5-2), 8
ran.

STAFF COLLEGE & RIMA DRAG; (Iweseldown): Hunt 1, Dad's Pipe (I'-Smith, 11-10 tav), 5 ran. Ladles: 1, Carneas (Miss P Jones, 4-7 tav), 7 ran. Confined: 1, Darton RI (J Marise, 6-4 -tav), 9 rap.

Open: 1, Ardbrennen (C Bennett, 7-2). 7 ran. Open Moin I: 1, Balance (T Cox. 8-1). 15 ran. Rest: 1, Transplant Blue (S Goodings, 25-1). 9 ran. Open Moin II: 1, Silver Concord (S Blackwell, 8-1). 10

GUIDE TO

CHELTENHAM

to have outstanding claims.

This race invariably falls to a

progressive horse proven

over three miles who is

carrying less than 11 stone

and who is rated above 139.

Gordon Richards's runner

fulfils all the criteria, has

iumped soundly on his last

two starts and after victories

here, at Ascot and Wetherby

is still on the upgrade. Percy

Smollett prefers right-hand-

ed courses and soft ground,

which leaves Amtrak Ex-press and Maamur as the

4.40: Only one winner in the

last ten years has carried

more than 11 stone to victory

and lightweights do particu-

larly well. With the weights

having risen a stone over-

night, Easby Joker now

sound claims. Although oc-

casionally let down by his

jumping, he has developed

into a decent handicap chas-

er this season and could be a

value bet. Turning Trix is

David Nicholson's banker of

the week and, with the useful

Tony Martin in the saddle.

he will have a favourite's

chance, especially back over

5.15: My four against the field are Pleasure Shared.

Great Easeby, Top Cees and

The Last Fling. Substantial

rain would assist Pleasure

Shared, who appeared to

win with plenty in hand at

Chepstow. Great Easeby

goes particularly well for his

7lb claimer and has shown

markedly improved form in

Top Cees, the Chester Cup

winner, will relish this mar-

athon test and looked far

from fully wound up when

winning at Wetherby last month. He is the main

danger to The Last Fling.

Sue Smith's stable star who

will love the trip. Despite

winning five times this term.

his trainer believes him to be

well handicapped and open

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to further improvement.

his last two runs.

an extended three miles.

main dangers.

Kimanicky can

get backers off

to flying start

race three times in the past

five years and Dance Beat,

winner of The Ladbroke, will

have her supporters. With

fourth-placed Squire Silk

having boosted the form by

winning the Tote Gold Tro-

phy, she has a solid chance

along with Beakstown, who

could offer each-way value.

However, Kimanicky app-

ears to have outstanding claims and if the ground remains good would be a

After running particularly

well over course and dis-

rance on his hurdling debut

in December, he showed much improved form when

winning the Dovecote Hur-

dle at Kempton on supposed-

ly unfavourably soft ground

17 days ago. Nicky Hender-

son won the same race with

Flown in 1992 before win-

ning the Festival opener. The

unbeaten Castle Sweep is a

big threat, but all three

hurdle wins have been

2.50: Even without her set-

back last week, I would want

to oppose Draborgie whose

suspect jumping technique could come unstuck here, especially if Cable Beach

takes on the Martin Pipe-trained front runner for the

lead. Even if she manages a

clear round, the five-year-old

could be vulnerable up the

hill. Recent winning form is

important here — nine of the

last ten winners have won

their last two starts or fin-

ished first and second - and

Arctic Kinsman makes con-

A winner at the Festival in

1994, he has made an en-

couraging start to his fenc-

ing career, jumping soundly

when winning both times.

Cable Beach, second here to

Captain Khedive (will like

the strong pace) in the au-

tumn, provides a guide to the

chances of the Irish runners

and King Wah Glory is

preferred ahead of Manhat-

4.05: With Flashing Steel

keeping the weights down, Unguided Missile appears

tan Castle.

3.30: see left

siderable appeal.

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Irish contender can dethrone Alderbrook in Champion Hurdle

Hotel Minella offers attractive terms

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

AIDAN O'BRIEN, the young training genius from across the Irish Sea, can achieve a career landmark today by landing his first Cheltenham Festival success with Hotel Minella in the Smurfit Champion Hurdle.

in the three years he has held a trainer's licence, the quietly spoken 26-year-old has proved himself to be a recordbreaking phenomenon with around 500 winners on the Flat and over the jumps. However, his unrelenting progress has been confined to the domestic Irish scene.
At the start of this season,

with Cheltenham in mind, O'Brien deliberately adopted different tactics. Horses with Festival potential did not run repeatedly at home; instead their season was geared towards the finest three days of jump racing, which get underway at Prestbury Park this afternoon.

Hotel Minella, a late-maturing son of Strong Gale whose full-time hurdling career did not begin until last season, proved to be the best novice on view with the exception of derbrook. The winner of four races, including the Irish Champion Novices Hurdle at Punchestown, on ground ranging from good to soft, he left the strong impression there was even better to come

this season. On his first outing this term, at Leopardstown in early December, the nine-year-old was not given a hard time by Charlie Swan when lack of

(Grade I: £127.966: 2m 110yð) (16 runners)

fitness began to tell. In the Irish Champion Hurdle seven weeks later, Hotel Minella travelled like the winner for much of the race. He made eye-catching progress to dis-pute the lead at the last flight, only to be outbattled in desperate ground by the mud-loving Collier Bay, with Danoli half a

length away in third. The outcome confirmed what O'Brien and Swan had long known. Hotel Minella does little once in front and prefers better ground. More unkindly, his detractors hinted he lacked courage for a

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Nap: KIMANICKY (2.15 Cheltenham) Next best: Unguided Missile (4.05 Cheltenham)

fight. Reported by his trainer to have improved "an awful since that outing. Hotel Minella should have the race

run to suit today.
With the front-running Mysilv sure to set a decent pace in a race that is invariably truly run, Hotel Minella has a high cruising speed which is invaluable in champ-

All being well, he will still be travelling sweetly when many of his rivals are struggling to go the pace. The trick will be for Swan to delay his challenge to the last possible moment, no easy task up the

BIG RACE LINE UP

001-322 CHEF MINISTER 28 (D.F.S) (6 Snet) T Der 7-12-0 A Dobbin 69
Red and white (halved), white sherves and cap

31164/5 MUSE 17 (V.C.D.6.5) (White Horse Racing Ltd) D Elementh 9-12-0 ___ P Holley -

14 RIGHT WWN 17 (D.S.) (C Karanegh) R Hamon 5-T2-0 G MicCount 82 Crange, beige stripe beige and orange striped cap

Yolkow, large royal blue spots P6213P PROWELL 31 (C.D.F.G.S) (Lones, Berstont, Rest Pfrs) M Pipe 6-12-0... C Massel 89 Yellow, black inverted transple, black slowes, light blue diamonds, black cap

314 01/11/5 STAUNCH FRIEND 18 (CD,G,S) (8 Schmidt-Bootner) M Tompilins 8-12-0... P Noven Green and winte (helved), sleeves reversed, royal blue cap
315 6-35P62 ABSALON'S LADY 27 (CD,G.S) (Whitombe Manor Racing) D Elsworth 8-11-9 A P McCoy 82

BETTING: 11-10 Alderbrook, 9-2 Oanoli, 5-1 Hotel Minella, 6-1 Mysalv, 12-1 Collier Bay, 20-1 Land Alex, 25-Mach The Ande, Aight Win, Squire Silla, 60-1 Absalom's Lady, Klassar, Staunch Friend, 66-7 others.

1995; ALDERBROOK 6-12-0 N Williamson (11-2) K Barley 14 ran

SF-1211 MYSILV 18 (CD.F.G.5) (Filte Racing Club) C Egenton 6-11-9........ White, large black spots, black cap

NACK THE KNOFE 17 (D.G) (D & G Marcer) M Ploe 7-12-0 D Bridgwater 66

Blue, white diagono, write searces, who was a searces and searces and searces are searces and searces and searces

11P-3P KISSAIR 87 (C.D.S) (7 Benson) M Pipe 5-12-0

3.30 SMURFIT CHAMPION HURDLE CHALLENGE TROPHY

Cheltenham hill, but few jockeys are better equipped to carry out the task to perfec-

Twelve months ago, Alderbrook recorded the best performance by a Champion Hurdle winner for several years. A reproduction of that form would probably see him triumph again. However, the seven-year-old has had just one race since undergoing surgery and, while he won impressively enough at Kempton 17 days ago, the form amounts to little.

More worrying, Kim Bai-ley's string has not been firing on all cylinders this season and, at around even money, Alderbrook looks worth op-

Danoli, whose racing career looked over after fracturing a leg at Aintree last April, is a big danger and any rain would increase his chances. Tom Foley's star has had an ideal preparation. unlike last year, and could well complete an Irish one-

It was an extremely difficult choice for Jamie Osborne to decide to ride Mysilv in preference to Collier Bay. Mysilv is a model of consistency who deserves to make the frame. but her overall form does not look good enough for her to

However, if the forecast rain arrives in sufficient quantity and time to make the ground genuinely soft, the Jim Oldtrained Collier Bay would come into the reckoning.



Hotel Minella is fancied to triumph for the Irish in the Champion Hurdle today

ALDERBROOK

Feb 2s, Kempton, soit: (11-10) beat Mack The Knite (11-2) 34s with Land Ater (11-7) 101 3rd. Right Win (11-10) 15s 4th and Muse (11-2) 101 5th (2m, hole, \$10,016, 7 ran).

Mer 14, 1995, Cheltenhern, soft: (12-0) beat Large Action (12-0) 5f with Danoli (12-0) 2f 3rd, Mysiv (11-9) fead and 25s 5th, Absalom's Lady (11-9) 7f 6th and Land Ater (12-0) lef 3 cut (2m, gd i hole, \$103,690, 14 ran).

Feb 14, Ascot, soft: see Absalom's Lady. Apr 26, 1995, Punchestown, good; see Hotel Mirnella. Apr 8, 1995, Aintree, good to firm; see Danoil, CHIEF MINISTER

Feb 13, Kelso, solit: (11-7) head 2nd to Palecegate King (10-0) (2m 110yd, Llm hoap holle, £6,775, 5 ran). Nov 25, 1995, Newcastle, good: (10-4) 52 2nd to Padre Mio (10-10) with Abselom's Ledy (11-7) 153/15th (2m, gd II Lim hosp hdle, £18,860, 7 ran). Mar 15, 1995, Chellenham, soft: see Collier Bay.

Cottey (10-0) with Chief Minister (10-11) tailed at 23rd (2m 5f, hasp hate, £39,822, 30 ran). DANOL

Mar 14, 1995, Cheltenham, soft: see Alderbrook.

HOTEL MINELLA

Jan 21, Leopardstown, yielding to soft: see Collier Bay, Dec 31, 1985, Leopardstown, yielding to soft: (12-0) 48] 9th to Kharasar (11-7) (2m, gd ii holle, £9,750, 10 ran). Apr 26, 1995, Punchestown, good: (11-8) 8! 3rd to Fortune And Farne (11-8) with Boro Eight (11-8) 15! 4th (2m, gd ii holle, £26,000, 4 ran). KISSAIR

Dec 16, 1995, Ascot, good: see Pridwell. Nov 25, 1995, Newbury, soft: (11-6) 20I and head 3rd to Killione Abbot (11-0) (2m 110yd, gd II hole, £10,820, 7 Apr 8, 1995, Aintree, good. (11-4) pulled up before 3 out behind Stompin (11-0) (2m 110yd, gd II hale, £25,460, 18

LAND AFAR Feb 24, Kempion, soft: see Alderbrook. Feb 3, Sandown, good to firm: (11-8) 8i 2nd to Atours (11-8) (2m 110yd, hdle, £10,280, 5 ran) Mar 14, 1995, Cheltenham, soft: see Alderbrook. Mar 15, 1994, Cheltenham, good to eat: see Absolfom's Lady.

MACK THE KNIFE Feb 24, Kempton, soft see Alderbrook.

MUSE Mar 15, 1994, Cheltenham, good to soft see Absalom's

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Feb 23, Heydock, soft, see Mysilv. Nov 12 1993, Cheltenham, good: (11-7) bear Arabian Bold (11-7) 1/sl (2m 110yd, hdie, £5.475, 5 ran). ABSALOM'S LADY

Feb 14, Ascot, soft: (11-5) 3l 2nd to Mole Board (11-3) with Boro Eight (11-7) 5l 3rd (2m 4f, holle, \$10,114,5 par).
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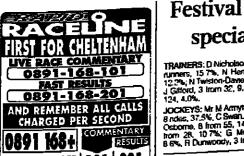
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☐ Johnny Setaside will run in tomorrow's Sun Alliance Chase. His trainer, Noel Meade, said: "I was worried about the ground, but my staff say it is on the easy side."

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3.30 SMURFIT CHAMPION HURDLE CHALLENGE TROPHY C4 (Grade I: £127,966: 2m 110yd) (16 runners)

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4.05 RITZ CLUB NATIONAL HUNT HANDICAP CHASE | 172 377 15 | 17 INTROPES| | 30 (CD.G.S.) (C Haughey) | Mauhem (re) | 11-12-0... | J Octobre | 12-12-12 | LMASIBNED MESSEE 38 (CD.F.G.S.) (D Hamison) | 6 Richards 8-10-10 | R Derivectory | 97 | 12-122 | PERCY SMOLLETT 17 (BF.F.G.S.) (R Muntay) | D Netholson 8-10-10 | R Pomed | 97 | 0-23UH | AMTRA CEPTESS 17 (F.E.S.) (Arbital Equies Laif) N Henderson 9-10-9 | M A PEZGERIA | POPO-10 | CHATAM 31 (CD.G.S.) (A Noval | M Pop 12-10-2 | D Ridgerial | 98 | 11-2711 | CHERNA RUSSTY 150 (F.G.) (M Walt) | C Norm 8-10-0 | A P Nectory | 11-2711 | LAMABER 12 (D.G.S.) (M to A Walt) | C Norm 8-10-0 | A P Nectory | 12-113 | LAMABER 12 (D.G.S.) (M to A Walt) | C Norm 8-10-0 | A Thompso | D Schuldon VORKSSHEE (GALE Z G.G.). (S) (B Rayfort | 16-00 | D Nicholson 7-10-0 | R Johnson (3) | 30 | PT-1225 (AS_PRINT CROSS 18 (F.S.S.) (A Tempson) Phases 8-10-0 | J Nectous | 14-11 | D Nectous | 15 | D Necto Long handicag: General Rushy 9-5, Maantur 9-4, James Phys 9-1, Yorkshare Gale 9-1, Ballygool Gruff 9-1, Killinoy Crass 8-0

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BETTING: 8-1 Turning Trix, 7-1 General Wrote, 8-1 Eastly Joher, Sunkry Bay, 10-1 Encore Un Peu, 12-1 Run Up The Flag, Stop The Walter, Strong Medicine, 14-1 Cael De Brion, Gress A Buck, 16-1 others. 1995: FLYER'S MAP 9-9-10 Mr P Henley (11-1) R Aliner 16 can FORM FOCUS

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Selection: EASBY JOKER (cap)

5.15 HAMLET CIGARS GOLD CARD HANDICAP HURDLE

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Quarter-final win over South Africa banishes ignominy of Kenya defeat

West Indies stride out from depths of despair

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN KARACHI

KARACHI (West Indies won toss): West Indies beat South Africa by 19 runs

SOUTH Africa have played excellent one-day cricket this year, winning ten successive matches before their World Cup quarter-final yesterday. Perhaps they should have kept their powder dry, as West Indies have done. The side vanquished by Kenya two weeks ago is now only one game away from the final.

Whether West Indies deserve to win the cup, after the disgrace of Pune, is insignificant. This bloated competition has indulged the second-rate (England, for instance, got as far as South Africa) and now they have thrown off their ragged working clothes, West Indies might yet shape up. They were unrecognisable here from the team that laboured pitifully in the qualify-

They beat South Africa with their bowling and fielding as much as their batting, which is saying something. This was a day when South African hands could not quite hold the sort of catches that win matches. West Indies held six in the deep, and Harper took an excellent one off his own

Harper was as responsible for victory as Lara, whose III



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Total (8 wkfs, 50 overs) ...

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BOWUNG Ambrose 10-0-29-1; Walsh 8-0-49-1; Bishop 5:3-0-34-0; Harper 10-0-47-4; Adams 10-0-52-3; Arthuron 6-0-29-1; Man of the metch: B C Lens (West Indies). Umpires: K T Francis and S G Randell

shored up the West Indies innings. On a pitch assisting the spinners, Harper took four wickets. Adams claimed three important ones and an eighth went to Arthurton, whose fielding was a highlight of the day. For once, Ambrose and Walsh were overshadowed.

Lara's hundred gave the bowlers a good total to defend. Richardson said later that he was "feeling tense for Brian"



but that, when Lara struck the first of his 16 boundaries, he was certain a century was in the making. There was an inevitability about it, so clean-ly was the ball coming off his

Hansie Cronje, the beaten captain, thought his bowlers gave Lara too much width. Batsmen as accomplished as Lara tend to find their own width when they are playing well, and a tight line does not necessarily prevent them from scoring freely. His runs came from 97 balls and until he swept Symcox to square leg he was the king of the castle.

Symcox, the off spinner, paid for that wicket with blood, toil and runs. Lara took five boundaries off his sixth over and later stepped a yard outside the leg stump to raise the ball high over extra cover. Barry Richards and Viv Richards took similar risks but that sort of stroke is beyond the range of most players, even good ones

South Africa had included Adams, the little chinaman bowler, ahead of Donald, whose pace was not considessential on so flat a pitch. Adams performed his task so manfully that Cronje useo num at the eno innings. West Indies added only 90 in the last 20 overs, which partly undid the work of Lara and Chanderpaul, who made 138 in 25 overs.

Chanderpaul was missed on 25 when he tried to dab Pollock to third man, and Palframan let slip the kind of chance wicketkeepers should always take. Unusually, Rhodes had earlier dropped Browne at cover, though it would have been an excellent

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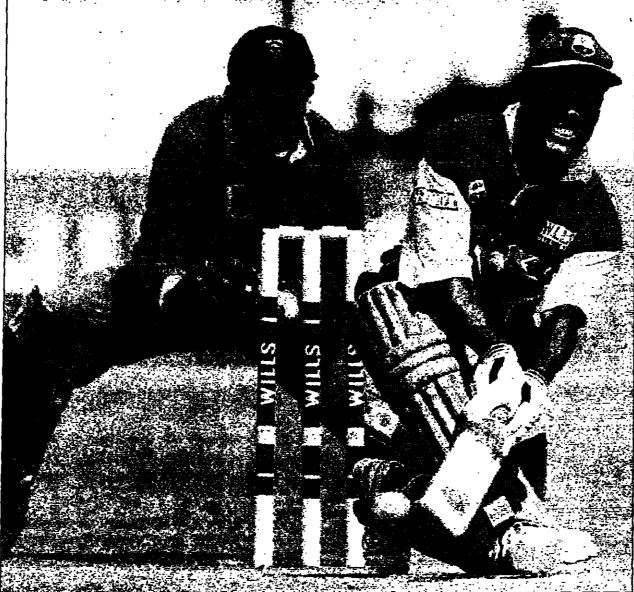
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Engrossing and susprisingly dark



Lara employs a delicate sweep shot on his way to a score of 111 against South Africa in Karachi yesterday



catch if the ball had stuck. It proved inexpensive. A target of 265, though

challenging, was within range so long as Hudson and Cullinan were at the crease. Kirsten had gone early, hitting his wicket when his back foot slipped, but Hudson timed the ball from the start and Cullinan was in a frisky mood. He pulled Walsh for six big runs, drove Harper over the

boundary and charged Adams for half a dozen more. Then he attempted a similar hit and Bishop held the catch at long-

Cronje maintained the rhythm, pulling Walsh for successive sixes. The chase was going well until he holed out to deep mid-wicket and, when Harper replaced Adams immediately afterwards, he took three wickets in an over.

Symcox went down fighting but South Africa were 20 runs short when Walsh ended the match with three balls to

Cronje conceded defeat gra-ciously, bitter as it was. "We have worked very hard since last April to win the World Cup but West Indies played particularly well. They batted, bowled and fielded better and Lara played a fine innings."

ing out of "a bottomless pit" after that numbing defeat by Kenya. West Indies now face Australia, whom they beat in their last group match, and their captain remains optimistic. For the time being the internal ructions have been quelled. They must now keep their nerve against opponents who will not give them an

Richardson spoke of climb

Brief respite beckons Atherton

ENGLAND cricket supporters journeying to Heathrow Airport today to welcome home their World Cup gladiators - the first team from these shores to fail to reach the semi-finals of the competition - will be denied glimpses of Michael Atherton and Raymond Illingworth.

After the best part of five months on the road, both captain and manager are in a rush to get home. "Michael will be picking up a connect-ing internal flight to Manchester and Raymond is similarly travelling straight up to Leeds," a spokeswoman for the Test and County Cricket Board said yesterday.

Once home, both will reflect on their prospects of retaining their jobs, although in two weeks Atherton joins Lancashire for a tour of Jamaica. Is this necessary? "He actually expressed a wish to go on the

Answers from page 42

Simon Wilde's WORLD

trip," a club official said yesterday. "I do not think the cricket will be too strenuous and it is a chance for the players to get together."

New rules

beckite. "The most interesting things found in the red Triassic conglomerates of Torbay are the Beekines, so named from the late Dr Beeke. Dean of Bristol, by whom, it is believed, they were first noticed,"

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England should at least be better prepared for the next World Cup. This summer, one of the three domestic limited-overs competitions, the Benson and Hedges Cup, is to be played under the rules that have applied for years in one day internationals else-

where in the world, after decisions taken at Test and County Cricket Board meetings during the winter. Adoptions include the regulation governing field placings in the first 15 overs, inexperience of which effectively put paid to England's campaign this

Harsh lessons India's World Cup progress is

not welcome to everyone in the country. Teachers and parents are worried that a fixture clash between the semi-final against Sri Lanka tomorrow and school examinations will see their pupils and children lose out. The exams have already begun and the World Cup is heating up ... it is our single biggest worry," Nikhil Barua, a Calcutta teacher, said. Parents' associations have urged the examination board

to postpone tests until after the World Cup final next Sunday. "Our appeals have fallen on deaf ears," Barua said. More than 120,000 secondary pupils are taking part in the tests. When India defeated Paki-

stan last Saturday, tens of thousands of Calcutta teenagers abandoned their books to join victory marches. "This is madness." Barua said. "The tests should have been held outside the World Cup. Even we cannot watch the matches now because of our children."

Record intact

By beating South Africa yesterday. West Indies prevented their opponents from equalling their own world record for successive victories in oneday internationals. West Indies won 11 in a row against England, Australia and Sri Lanka in 1984 and 1985.

9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross:
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10.00-10.30 News; The Ott
Season (FM only). The travel
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Machid (5/6)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 This Scept d late (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour. Romance
and intrigue in the dog world
get the blockbusting
treatment in Anita Burgh's
new novel She joins Jenni
Murray to talk about canine
capers and Crutts, Serial:
Seasaw. Helen Bourne reads
Deborah Moggach's story.
abridged by Meg Clarke
(7/12)
11.30 Medicine Now. With Geoff
Watts

WOAD-WATCHING. (5pm) Lest °C snow Conditions Runs to Piste Off/p resort (b) A Brazilian name applied to the gum, etc., of the tropical South American tree Piptadenia rigida, which yields a hard durable timber, and an astringent bark and a gum both used medicinally. Prom the Portuguese. "Piptadenia rigida yields Angico gum used like gum-arabic." ANDORRA 110 240 good varied good sur (Good skiing everywhere: pistes not too crowded) (c) The gaque of devil-on-two-sticks revived under this name, the Italian for devil. Also, the wooden top with which the game is played. The game consists in balancing and spinning a double-headed top on a string (which is supported on two sticks), throwing it into the air, and catching it again. They invent some quaint form of amusement like diabolo or roller-5 35 worn varied closed teir (Plenty of good skiling available in Imnsbruck region) 20 115 good varied good sun (Generally good everywhere: pistas well prepared) lgls Kitzbühel 0 fair varied closed tes good but worn petches low dow Mayrholen FRANCE 100 310 good veried good sun (Plenty of good skiing with typical spring conditions) Alpe D'huez (a) With up, architectural jargon, to slope inwards towards the top: applied especially to the outsides of chimney shafts. "Each flue to have a 85 190 good heavy icy sun -1 23/2 Roman cement chimney shaft flanched up (sloped in a way to throw off (Some pistes worn/icy but many attli very good) Raine 55 255 good varied wom sun (Best prow in Flaine bowl: lower links just skieble) ITALY c) A chalcedonic pseudomorph after corals and shells, often called 20 125 good varied art si (Generally good skiling: all lifts and runs open) Bormlo SWITZERLAND 25 240 25 240 fair heavy worn sun 1 21/2 (Good grooming aiding conditions: best snow high up) 15 70 lair crusty poor sun 2 27/2 (Spring conditions under surny sides: no quaues)

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain, L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial

The battle of the seeds

The New Sexual Nature: Sperm Wars. Radio 4, 8.30pm.

Dr Gillian Rice, presenter of this lour-part investigation into human sexual behaviour and its animal world equivalent, grabbed my attention from the word go. But how could I possibly have resisted her after she had told me to stay tuned if I believed a dragonfly's genitalia had nothing to do with me (if you are a woman, substitute rat for dragonily). There is not a lot of common ground between the evolutionary biologists who are interviewed tonight. But, compared with the bellicose propensities of sperm — whether human or animal

these experts speak with one voice. There are sperm who launch
themselves on kamikaze missions and male dragonities who sweep away their competition by using something like a feather brush.

Lanchtime Concerto. Classic FM. 2.00pm.

One charge that can definitely not be levelled at Classic FM is that its noon concerto spot caters exclusively for the listener who dare not risk paddling in waters deeper than the Tchaikovsky No 1 or the Rachmaninov No 2. Today's concerto will probably be unknown to you unless you play the flute or are familiar with its repertoire. It is You must Concerto in G Major, performed by Patrick Gallois and the C.P.E. Bach Chamber Orchestra. There was a time when Johann Quantz and the flute were synonymous. Nearly 230 years after his death, the treatise he wrote is still considered by many to be the definitive A-Z of the flute.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo 4.00am Clive Warren 6.30 Chris Evans9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa l'Anson 2.00 Kevin Greening 4.00 Mark Goodler, incl at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat, and at 8.00 the Drive-In 7.00 Evening Session presented by Steve Lamaco and to Whiley 9.00 Cling Film 10.00 Mark Radcliffe with Land and the

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00em Serah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Anne Robinson 2.00pm Debbie Thrower 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hayes over Britain 8.30 Katangsotg Junchon, A contectly drame, set in Australia, written by Moya O'Shea. With Caroline Quentin (3/6) 9.00 The Home of Happy Feat 10.00 Film Star: Auditry Hepburn remembered 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Medden 3.00-8.00 Alex Lester, including at 3.30 Pause for Thought Thrower 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 8.35 The Megazine12.00 Midday with Mair, incl 12.34ptn Moneycheck 1.15 Enterfainment News 2.05ptn Racing from Chetenham 4.30 Nettorwide, incl 5.45 Enterfainment News 7.00 News Edra, with Valerie Sanderson 7.35 The Tuesday Match 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Edra, incl 11.15 The Financial World Toright 12.05am After Hours 2.05 Up

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s 7.15 Off the Shelf: Spn News 7.15 Off the Shelf: Spring Torrents 7.30 New Icleas 7.50 A Day in the Life of an Insect 8,00 News 8,10 Words of Faith 8.15 International Recital 9.00 News 10.00 News 10.00 News 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Off the Shelf: Spring Torrents 11.00 News 11.30 Thirty-Minute Drama: The House of Cards 12.00 News 12.05 Business Report 12.15 Britain Today 12.30 Three Days in Jenusalem 1.00 12.30 Three Days in Jerusalen Newshour 2.00 World News News in German 3.15 On Screen 3.30 Omnibus 4.00 News 4.15 World Today 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe 5.30 Business Report 5.45 Sport 6.00 New 6.30 News in German 7.00 News 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Words of Feith 7.30 Magamix 8.00 News 9.00 News 9.05 Business Report 9.15 Britain Today 9.30
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6.00am Russ 'n' Jone 9.00 Richard

6.00am On Air. With Floria Talkington. Beethoven, arr Sediak (Overture: Fidelio); Frederick Corder (Prospero); Vivaldi (Concerto in C minor, Op 4 No 10, La Stravaganza); Handel (Let the bright

No 2)

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccire. Dvořák (Camival); Schubert (String Quartet Movement in Caminor); Debussy (Première Repsodie); Gounod (Symphony Moute)

Rspsodie); Gournod
(Symphony No 1 in D)

10,00 Musical Encounters, Mozart
(Overture: Die Zauberflöte);
Falfa (Psyché); Zelenka
(Sonata No 4, Sonates pour
deux hautbois et basson);
10.44 Artist of the Week;
Wolfgang Hotzmair, baritone,
Buson! (Artecchino); 11.11
Mendelsaohn (Psalm 42); sohn (Psaim 42); Judith Weir (The Ride across ake Constance)

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12.00 Composer of the Week:
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1.00pm International Winds.
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Band March); Joseph Schwarther (And the mountains rising nowhere: Eastman Wind Ensemble under Donald Hunsberger); Clark McAllister (A Summer Flourish); Warren Bertson (The Leaves Are Falling); Adam Goro (Metropolis; Royal Academy of Music Wind Ensemble) (2/4)

2.00 Schoole: Playtime 2.15 Time to Move 2.35 Listen!

3.00 The Fifties: Music In

Watts

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12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Oouble Vision. Another
sparky exchange between
Miles Kington and Edward
Enfield (f) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, With Nick
Clarke

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Welsh tenor Dennis O'Neil chooses music describing his

presents the series about books (2/8) (r)
2.30 Mirrored in Music. The

native country (4/6)
3.00 The Afternoon Shift with

Clarke 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55

2.00 News; Books and

Europe, Including music from Poutenc, Boulez, Hindemith, Henze and Britten 5.00 The Music Machine. Tommy Pearson dailies with the string orchestra and gets help from the violinist Peter Thomas in ensemble are so popula 5.15 In Tune, Including Albioni (Concerto in A. San Marco); Schubert (Plano Trio Movement in B flat); Gershwin (An American in Paris); Mozari (String Quartet in A)
7.30 BBC Philharmonia

Gennadi Rozhdestvensky. Howard Shelley, piano Enescu (Suite No 3 in D, Villageoise); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 1 in C); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 5 in E minor)

9.30 The Fiftles: Fiftles Writing. The Movement A Speciator editorial in 1954 announced

the arrival of a new poetic generation, including Philip Larkin and Kingsley Amis. Valerie Curningham asks survivors and critics whether The Movement really existed 9-50 University of Wales Recital. Deliversity of Wales Recital.

Detme Quartet; David
Campbell, clarinet. Mathias
(String Quartet No 2); Biss
(Clarinet Quintet).

10.45 Night Waves, Aidan Foster
Carter reviews Nixon, Oliver
Stone's latest film

11.30-12.30am Music Restored. Sinfonye and their director Stevie Wishart present music and writings of the mystic

Hildegard of Bingen (r)

1.00-2.40 Night School. 20th
Century Soundbiles 1.30
Dance Resources for PE 2.10
Triple Bill: The Haunting

RADIO 4 5.55am Shloping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing incl Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Perliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 0171-580 44444

Daire Brehan 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Indian author Rohinton Mistry discusses his new novel, A Fine Balance, with Paul Vaughan, Plus an investigation into whether the Riverdance phenomenon can be replicated in Scotland 4.45 Short Story: Puss in Boots by James Finn Gamer. Eric Meyers reads a politically correct, longue-in-cheek version of the old tale 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.50 Weather.

5.55 Weather 6.00 Stx O'Clock News 6.30 The Board Game 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 File on 4 8.00 Science Now. Peter Evans reports from oceanology conferences in London and

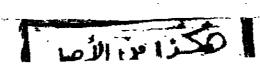
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8.30 The New Sexual Nature.
See Choice
9.00 In Touch. For visually 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59

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Autobiography by Char Chaplin. Read by Nigel Hawthome (7/10) (r) 11.00 Mediumwaye (r) 11.30-12.00 Four Corners (FM 11.30 Today in Parliament (LW

only) 12.00 News incl 12.27am Weather 12.30 The Late Book: Foreign Parts. Stobhan Redmond reads the final instalment of Janice Galloway's story (r) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As. World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE RADIO 1, FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2, FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3, FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4, FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE MW 803, 909. WORLD SERVICE MW 868; LW 198 (12.45-6.55am), CLASSIC FM, FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO FM 105.8; MW 197, 1215. TALK RADIO UK MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio Ratings compiled by Peter Daer, Gillian Maxey. Rosemery Smith and Susan Thomson



othing quite marks the passing of time for us chaps as working out just

how long ago it was that you

announced you wanted to be an

astronaut for the last time. That, of

course, was long before Helen

Sharman floated along and made

the whole thing cissy. Girls in

space? Yuk. Nobody was playing

kiss-chase in my command

Anyway, as far as this particular

member of the Apollo generation

is concerned it was a very, very

long time ago. The white giant of

an ambition that once burnt so

brightly went through its red

dwarf stage years ago. Now it is

little more than a pulsar, the

collapsed burnt-out wreck of a

star, condemned to spend the rest

of eternity spinning like billy-oh

and emitting meaningless radio

waves. I know this because last

night I watched Horizon: The Planet Hunters (BBC2).

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and weather (745909)

10.40 Network First The Killing of Kathleen Waugh (Teletext) (311218)11,40 Street Legal (444305)

12.35 FILM: Bay Coven (1987) with Tim Matheson and Pamela Sue Martin. A

3.25 The Chart Show (r) (s) (9877077) 4.20 Football Extra (r) (2311969) 5.00 The West at Work (44077) 5.30 Morning News (16394)

on the hard disk of his computer. One, he confidently predicted, would have liquid water on it. Life, at least as Geoff knew it, was but a short step away. Life, at least as Florric Hutchin-

son knew it, came to an end at the start of the final episode of Our Friends in the North (BBC2). which finished in far connier fettle than it began all those weeks ago. Against all my expectations, there was even the semblance of a happy ending, with Nicky, by now grey and unfit, and Mary, glowing testimony to hormone replacement therapy, just about getting back together in time for the final credits. Puffing and blowing, Nicky finally seized the day - just as his mother had told him to in

The influence of parents on their children was one of the big themes of Peter Flannery's epic tale. The sense of failure that Felix passed betrayal inherited by Anthony from his mother, Mary, and - for those who had really been following the plot closely - the seed of self-destruction planted by Felix's former tormentor, Christopher Collins, in his tearaway son, Sean.

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n this final episode, not everything was convincing (where L did Geordie learn to play the piano?), but there were two lovely moments - three if you bought the contrived but still poignant scene that finally brought our four friends together in one room. The first was the emotional reunion between Nicky and Geordie, our tragic, drink-filled Everyman. Daniel Craig was magnificent as the latter, a man barely clinging on to hope.

The second came at Florrie's funeral when, with Nicky (Christopher Eccleston) sobbing loudly and alone in the front pew, the

ters he plays. Well, but for those two minutes in church he succeeded which, out of some 700 minutes of brave, ambitious and memorable television, isn't bad, is it? Finally, an old problem came back to haunt Kavanagh (ITV): not enough story. The episode itself was as beautifully acted as ever. but Russell Lewis's script was definitely a subplot or two short of 90 minutes. It was also a tad predictable. A handsome young Royal Navy officer and a rating

call to mind their sins. After nine

sin-packed episodes, they took

some counting. In the Radio

Times, Eccleston says he prefers

the audience to dislike the charac-

court-martialled together. Must be "the usual thing" as they say in boarding school circles. And, some 60 minutes or so later, the usual thing is what it turned out to be. rather more of it than we had imagined, but still the usual thing.

BBC1 6.00am Business Breakfast (23522) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (41183) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra. (Ceefax)

9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (2461763) 9.45 Kliroy (s) (8285218)

Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) 12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2312183) 12.05pm Turnabout

(s) (5735725) 12.30 Going for a Song (s) (59251) 1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (44270) 1.30 Regional News

and weather (14467855) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (94956541) 2.00 Pebble Mill (s) (8641589)

2.40 Rich Man, Poor Man. With Peter Strauss and Nick Nolte (1355218) 3.30 Ants in Your Pants (s) (6222183) 3.50 ChuckleVision (s) (6242947) 4.10 Free Willy (Ceefax) (s) (4489265) 4.35 Run the Risk (Ceefax) (s) (2028812)

5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (3877164) 5.10 Grange Hill (Ceefax) (s) (1487812) 5.35 Neighbours. Karl is made to eat his words (r) (Ceefax) (s) (344396) 6.00 Stx O'Clock News (Ceefax) (947)

6.30 Regional News magazines (299) 7.00 Holiday. Jill Dando explores the Scottish Highlands on a steam train; Kirsty Young holidays in the South of France; Paul Gogarety takes a trip from Nashville to

Memphis: Sankha Guha travels to Tuscany. (Ceefax) (s) (6589) 7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (183) 8.00 Great Ormond Street. Real-life cases

from the children's hospital in London (Ceetax) (s) (2909) 830 The Brittas Empire. Body Language. Colin suspects that aliens are about to

take over the centre. (Ceetax) (s) (4744) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5454)

9.30 They Think It's All Over. The comperes a game of wit and sporting leading to the comperes a game of with team captains. David Gower and Gary Lineker (Ceefax) (s) (79015) WALES: 9.30 Week in Week Out (79015) 10.00 They Think It's All Over (39909) 10.30 Rough Justice (199183) 11 10 Film: Salum 3 (398560) 12.35am Film: Hero at Large (676139) 2.10 News headlines and weather (6533503)

10.00 Rough Justice: The Usual Suspect. (Ceefax) (s) (419299)

10.45 FILM: Saturn 3 (1980) with Farah Fawcett and Kirk Douglas. Futuristic adventure in which two space-station dwellers are menaced by a mad scientist and his sex-mad robot, Hector. Directed by Stanley Donen (Ceefax) (2734102)

12.05am FILM: Hero at Large (1980) with John Ritter and Anne Archer. An out-oiwork actor who pays the bills by making public appearances as a comic-book hero, Captain Avenger, foils a hold-up at a corner store while dressed as the hero. Directed by Martin Davidson (794329) 1.40am Weather (8114969)

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BBC2

6.25 The Emergence of Greek Mathematics (9872251) 6.50 Geology (6097909) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (1999299)

Doke (r) (s) (6136744) 8.40 The Record Yesterday in Parkament (s)

9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Including, for children, 10.00-10.25 Playdays (s) (4713831)

2.00 Oakie Doke, Animation (s) (20719589) 2.10 The Andrew Neil Show (s) (4390763)

part series about the environment and the natural world. (s) (731164) 6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air. There's the

drama series (Čeefax) (s) (914386)

double-bill (Ceefax) (s) (669893) about the new Disability Discrimination Act to Alistair Burt, Minister for the Disabled. (Ceefax) (s) (Ceefax) (s) (725)

Clarke sample new white wines from Eastern Europe and Michael Barry cooks a herby toad-in-the-hole. (Ceefax) (s)

9.00 Murder One: Chapter Two. Daniel Benzali stars as a celebrity defence lawyer in Steven Bochco's legal drama

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (111305) 11.15 The Larry Sanders Show: The Grand

American talk show. (Ceefax) (s) 11.40 Seinfeld: The Cheever Letters. George confronts Susan's father about the cabin

12.05am The Midnight Hour with Lesley Riddoch. Political analysis (s) (5966023)

appropriate.

Danielle Peck's film told the tory of the hunt for planets far Very nobly he owned up to the

mistake in front of an audience of

500 of his most important peers at

a convention. His reward for

honesty was a standing ovation.

proof that while we may be alone

in the cosmos, we British are not

alone in our love for the gallant

eck's informative film, how-

cy, a Californian astronomer with

such an irritating style that he

ought to be fired into geo-station-

ary orbit immediately. Somewhere

over Switzerland would be

Because what really gets this

aggressively competitive man is

that he was not first to find "proof"

of a planet outside our solar

system. Two Swiss astronomers

beat him to it, apparently discover-

ing something large and unlikely

ever, did have one flaw: an

over-reliance on Geoff Mar-

story of the hunt for planets far beyond the icy orbit of Pluto. We

were heading into serious outer

space, where distances are mea-

sured in light years and planet-

hunting becomes about as easy as

spotting a firefly perched on a

floodlight. That was an astrono-

The problem with planet-hunt-

ing, it was explained, is simple -

they are too small and too far

away. We cannot see them. But we

might, just might, be able to see the

gravitational impact they have on

their celestial surroundings. The

Professor Andrew Lyne, the

hunt for wobbly stars had begun.

pulsar king of Manchester, thought he had found one, but this

turned out to be the big mistake

that no science documentary is

now without. Having published

the first ever proof of a planet

circling another star. Lyne belated-

ly realised that it was not the star

mer's metaphor, not mine.

6.00am Open University: Plants (9893744)

7.30 Stingray (r) (Ceetax) (62676) 8.00 Blue Peter (Ceetax) (s) (5605744) 8.25 Oakie

3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (1792229)
3.05 Westminster with Nick Ross (Ceefax) (s) (6979164) 3.55 News (Ceefax) (4296454) 4.00 Today's the Day. Quiz (s) (812)

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (116) 5.00 Esther (s) (4367) 5.30 The Village 5.55 Global Warning. The second of a 20-

Rub. Concluding a two-part story. (Ceefax) (s) (268657)

6.25 Heartbreak High. Australian high school 7.10 The Ren and Stimpy Show. A cartoon

7.30 From the Edge. Gary O'Donoghue talks 8.00 Public Eye: Just Treatment. A look at the lasting effects a miscarriage of justice can have. (Ceefax) (s) (3251)

8.30 Food and Drink. Jilly Goolden and Oz.



Manipulator Tiffany (9.45pm)

9.45 Straight from the Heart. (Ceetax) (s) (803454) Opening. Sit-com starring Garry Shandling as the lictional host of an

fire. With Jerry Serrifeld (Ceefax) (s) (453676). Followed by Weatherview 12.30-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE Without Walls: Elgar's Tenth Muse Channel 4, 9.00pm

The truth, or something wobbly, is out there

REVIEW

positively hurtling around 51 Pega-

Marcy's first reaction? "Oh no,

another planet I've got to debunk."

And his second, once he couldn't?

That something so large, and hot and inhospitable, didn't really

count. "Yeah, it will go down as the

first planet, but it didn't quite hit

home to me." Spurred by pique.

Marcy promptly went out and

found two planets of his very own.

sus - 51 Peg to its friends.

Matthew

Bond

In the standard biography of Elgar by Michael Kennedy the elderly composer's infatuation for a young Hungarian violinist, Jelly d'Aranyi, rates no more than a paragraph. For Nigel Gearing, author of this dramatisation, it was a key episode in Elgar's career, a compensation for the early death of his wife and a spur to renewed creativity after inspiration seemed to have dried up. It is even suggested that the encounter with the vivacious and unconventional d'Aranyi inspired Elgar to complete the Cello Concerto, though Kennedy does not link the two. But this meeting of the upright Victorian and the young bohemian, who are played by James Fox and Selma Alispharic, is still a good story. As a bonus we have excerpts from the Cello Concerto and the Violin Sonata.

Rough Justice: The Usual Suspect BBC1. 10.00mm

Paul Berry is serving seven years for armed robbery but according to Rough Justice he should not be in prison at all. John Ware's report claims that the police fixed on Berry as the only suspect and sought evidence to convict him. In doing so they repeatedly broke rules of procedure designed to protect the innocent. Berry was convicted of holding up two building society cashiers with a knife and stealing £600. The incident took place in the North Wales resort of Colwyn Bay. Berry said that he was 12 miles away at Rhyl. But he was picked out in an identification parade and his alibi was undermined by a fellow prisoner. On the basis of Ware's careful demolition of the prosecution evidence, however, it is hard to believe that many armchair jurors watching this programme would be likely to convict.

Straight From the Heart: Power Games BBC2. 9.45pm

Victims of love go before the cameras and pour our their hearts. Victim is not, on the face of it, the word you would apply to Tiffany, who boasts of a mysterious power of making men fall in love with her. She would seem to be the manipulator, not the other which starts with sexual abuse as a child, her affairs with men take on a different aspect Kate admits that she allowed her partner to take control for the sake of an easy life. He even tapped her calls if she tried to telephone her friends. Eventually she did stand firm. enjoyed being dominated by an older womanand married her. Predictably, perhaps, it ended in tears. The material may sound lewd but the testaments are delivered with honesty and not a little sadness.

Network First: The Killing of Kathleen Waugh

ITV, 10.40pm (Scottish, 11.15pm) Kathleen Waugh, who was 41 but had a

mental age of six, disappeared from a council care home in Greater Manchester soon after Christmas in 1991. Six weeks later her body was discovered in a reservoir 25 miles away. Her death remains a mystery but the likelihood is that she was murdered. Although two of the care workers (both of whom appear in the film) came under suspicion, nobody has been charged.
Through interviews and dramatised sequences the programme pieces together a seemingly motiveless and inexplicable crime and in doing so exposes a disturbingly casual attitude towards running the home where Kathleen spent her final years. Her family remains bitter and feels that if Kathleen had been normal, more effort would have been

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her final lener.

6.00am GMTV (2958544) 9.25 Win. Lose or Drawshow (s) (2446454) 9.55 Regional News. (Teletext) (4790980) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (8902893) 10,35 This Morning (98961367) 12.20pm Regional News (2318367)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7195034) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (7170725) 1.25 High Road (Teletext) (9693416) 2.00

Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (30044909) 2.25 Chain Letters (Teletext) (s) (30056744) 2.50 Vanessa (Teletext) (s) (4642541) 3.20 News headlines (7297819) 3.25 Regional News (Teletext) and weather 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9914015)

3.30 The Magic House (5018744) 3.40 Tots TV (2023299) 3.50 Taz-Mania (5012560) 4.05 Tiny Toon Adventures (4209928) 4.30 Cone Zone (522) 5.00 Animaniacs (3895560)

5.10 Animal Country (9914015) 5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (563299) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (163003) 6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (294034)

7.00 Emmerdale. Frank goes over the top when he lays down the law to Emma (Teletext) (s) (1657) 7.30 West Eye View (Teletext) (251)

8.00 The Bill: Home Help. Sergeant Cryer and PC Slater have to deal with a case involving the wayward son of a crippled former policeman (Teletext) (6855)



Prime suspect Russ Abbot (8,30pm)

8.30 Married for Life. Episode two of the seven-part sit-com. Ted becomes the prime suspect when a bank mysteriously coses a considerable amount of money. Starring Russ Abbot (Teletext) (s) (9812) 9.00 Peak Practice. Will Preston faces difficult choices when the competence of a fellow GP is questioned. Starring Simon Shepherd and Glyn Owen (Teletext) (s)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (57305) 10.30 Regional News (Teletext)

couple leave the city, for what they think will be a quiet and peaceful village. All goes well until they realise the village is inhabited by devil-worshippers who have designs on the husband. Directed by Carl Schenkel (137665) 2.25 Late & Loud (s) (2471936)

As HTV WEST except: Really

5.10pm-5.40 The Re-Programme (9914015) 6.25-7.00 Weles Tonight (294034) 7.30-8.00 Grass Roots (251)

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6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (69638)

7.30-8.00 Wild West Country (251) 11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (444305) CENTRAL

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5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9914015)

6,25-7.00 Central News (294034) 7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (251) 11.40 Film: Stand Up Virgin Soldier (321251) 1.25am Late & Loud (4054684)

2.25 Hotel Babylon (8678446) 3.00 Funny Business (68145) 3.30 Football Extra (9347706) 4.10 Jobfinder (4137481) 5.20 Asian Eye (8163481)

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Cooks (367) 7.30-8.00 Serve You Right Live (251) 11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (444305) 5.00am Freescreen (44077)

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day of the Cheltenham Festival (s (34454)

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9.30 Schools: The Mix (9378522) 9.45 Stop Look Listen (9306305) 10.00 Fourways Farm (7183522) 10.10 Maths Everywhere (8969523) 10.25 How We Used to Live (7209788) 10.45 Quest (3531763) 11.00 Science in Focus (6206473) 11.20 Stage One (6008725) 11.35 Film & Video Showcase (9153763) 11.45 First Edition (4695744)

12.00 House to House. Political magazine presented by Sheena McDonald (54218) 12.30pm Sesame Street (66744)

1.30 Channel 4 Racing: The Cheltenham Festival. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 2.15, 2.50, 3.30 (Smurfit Champion Hurdle Challenge Trophy) and 4.05 races (s) (808541)

4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (164) 5.00 The Montel Williams Show: Younger Women, Older Men. Sara is 20, her francé is 40. They have lived together for a year but Sara's mother says she cannot accept him until he asks for her hand. (Teletext) (s) (9882837)

5.50 Terrytoons (741541) 6.00 The Avengers, Amateur art enthusiast Peter Cushing causes Patrick Macnee and Diana Rigg problems when he unleashes a cybernaut (r) (Teletext)

7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) (329589) 7.55 The Slot(639812)

8.00 Motor Mania. Second of the series celebrating the centenary of British cars, looks at filling stations. The earliest ed petrol to the customer by horse or bicycle (Teletext) (s) (8947) 8.30 Brookside. News of Mike and Lindsey's arrest spreads rapidly through the Close



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9.00 Without Wells: Elgar's Tenth Muse. (Teletext) (s) (9763) 10.00 FILM: Attack! (1956). An anti-war drama

starring Jack Palance, Eddie Albert and I as Marvin. Directed by Robert Aldrich without the co-operation of the US Délence Department, (Teletera) (2744) 12.00 Channel 4 Racing (s) (19435)

12.30am Football Italia — Mezzanotte Internatzionale v AC Milan (63787) 1.30 Next Stop Hollywood: Hogg's Heaven

2.00 FILM: Palmy Days (1931). Samuel Goldwyn musical starring Eddie Cantor and George Raft. Directed by A. Edward Sutherland (2299619) 3.25 Writing on the Line. The work of Alexander Pushkin (r) (2694684) Ends at

SATELLITE AND CABLE

• For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable SKY MOVIES GOLD channels, see the Vision sup-4.00pm Mighty Joe Young (1949) (8522) plement, published Saturday SKY ONE 7.00am Boiled Egg and Sokiers (79909) 8.30 Press Your Luck (5208218) 8.50 Love Connection (4343305) 8.20 Court TV

(6516367) 9.50 The Oprah Wintrey Show (1053678) 10.40 Jeopardy! (6310386) 11.10 Salty Jessy Raphael (2155657) 12.00 Beachy (14102) 1.00pm Horel (90522) 2.00 Garaldo (510368 3.00 Court V (3034) 3.30 Oprah Wintrey (5116164) 4.15 Undun (1098657) 5.00 Star Trek The Next Generation (396) 6.00 The Symptoms (1909) 8.30 Jeopardy! (5589) 7.00 LAPD (5015) 7.30 M*A*S*H (4473) 8.00 Jeg (60305) 9.00 The X-Files (40541) 10.00 Star Trek The Next Generation (59028) 11.00 6.00am Wind Dancer (1993) (58522) 8.00 The Courage of Rin Tin Tin (1982) (73218) 10.00 Safter Beware (1982) (74675) 12.00 Tetware (1993) (56541) 2.00pm The Little Princess (1939) (32522) 4.00 The Courage of Rin Tin Tin H (32522) 4.00 The Courage of ten in in (1962) (3760) 6.00 The Moglic Bubble (1962) (59693) 7.30 Feature (7183) 8.00 Telwar (1963) (57831) 10.00 The Assar-sin (1993) (69693) 1.150 Pentathion (1993) (69693) 1.35em Target of Suspi-cion (1994) (670619) 3.75-8.00 Incident in a Small Town #1963) (51125787) Metrose Place (76993) 12,00 Late Show with Devid Lettermer (2399905) 12,00 Late Show with Devid Lettermer (2399905) 12,45am The Untouchables (4768348) 1,30 in Living Color (78145) 2,00-6,00 Hit Mor (1256665) SKY NEWS

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e Paper Chase (1973) (36386) melimes a Great Notion (1971) THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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7.00am Sports Centre (45947) 7.30 Racing News (24454) 8.00 American Sports Caval-cade (43909) 9.00 Aerobics Oz Style (55589) 9.30 Ford Scorpin Goll USA, PGA Honda Classic (527299) 12.30 FA Cup Stath Round (68164) 2.30 Tarten Extra (3164) 3.00 Cricket World Semi-Finals (3164) 3.00 Cricket Word Semi-rinas Preview (42367) 5.00 Wheeling Mania (5742) 6.00 Sports Centre (4893) 6.30 SM Salfing (8473) 7.00 Baskettiat (743980) 9.30 Progside Special (76831) 10.00 Sports Centre (37454) 10.30 Cricket World Sers-Finals Proview (57386) 12.30 Asian Football Show (62936) 2.30 Live Baskettistir Hernel Brusts v Wordhon Beers (57435) 4.30-6.00 Playels v Worthing Beers (57435) 4.30-6.00

SKY SPORTS GOLD 10.00pm Golden Rugby, Wales v Australia 1984 (2690299) 10.30 Golden Gloves with Bany Mogugan (7859270) 11.30 Golden Age of Motor Racing (2402657) 12.30-1.00 Blood, Sweat and Glory (5541961)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL 4.00sm Lwng Word 5.00 Kenneth Cope-land 5.30 Nidz TV 6.45 Chronicles of Revival 6.15 Colin Dye 6.45-7.00 Christian SKY SOAP

7.00pm Guiding Light (5243812) 7.55 As the World Turns (5149744) 8.50 Peyton Place (6439893) 9.20 Deys of Our Lives (7551812) 10.10-11.00 Another World 11.00am Globetrotter (4589386) 11.30 Traviside (4580015) 12.00 On Top of the World (2885270) 12.30 Hawai Cooks (9045386) 1.00 Getaway (1184367) 1.30 Around the World (9044657) 2.00 America (8044657) 3.00 Globetrotter (4584560)

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THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00 Holiday Shop (45167560)

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7.00pm The Invisible Man (3870218) 7.56-



Julie Christie in Darling (Sky Movies Gold, 11.50pm)

10.00 FILM, Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan (54840305) 1.00mm The Invisible Man (7752313) 2.00-4.00 FILM: Size Trek II: The Wrath of Khan (2996313)

9.00am Parting (7479909) 9.30 Grow Your Own (299251) 10.00 Two's Country (3022473) 19.30 Our House (7468893) 11.00 Paintod House (2025638) 11.30 11.00 Famulo Fubble (2.2033) 1.12.00 Julia Phyrining Repairs (2026367) 12.00 Julia Child (7482473) 12.30 Frugal Gourmet (290367) 1.00 Yan (8256188) 1.30 Fum-ture to Go (2906638) 2.00 Dops with Dunbar (4818183) 2.30 Without Borders (6120034) 3.00 Two's Country (4837218) 3,30-4.00 This Old House (6192251)

7.00am Angels (3006675) 7.30 Neighbours (4551760) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (7481744) 8.30 EastEnders (7480015) 8.00

The Bit (7471367) 9.30 The Sulfivers (2907909) 10.00 Howards' Way (8151724) 11.00 Builseye (2027096) 11.30 Odd Cne Out (2028725) 12.90 Sons and Daughlers

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Club (9294638) 9.00 Alien Nation (9207102) 6.00am Sea Monkeys (62378) 6.30 Pugwali's Summer (81522) 7.00 Ready or Not (20909) 7.30 California Dreams (32744)

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(293857) 6.48 Toucan Tex (8087928) 7.00 Ballinik (6438229) 7.05 Gmmmy (4027096) 7.45 Rugrats/Doug (281812) 8.15 Aaathli (4461522) 8.30 Rocko's Modern Life (23251) 9.00 Alvin and the Chipmanus (47831) 9.30 Playhouse (50893) 10.00 Benene Sandwich (11980) 11.00 CBBC on Mickelodoson (31744) 12.00 Magic School Bus (34367) 12.30pm Grimmy (61909) 1,00 Global Guts (35560) 1.30 Visionalies (53980) 2.00 Dungeons and Dragons (97812) 3.00 Littlest Pel Shop (4164) 3.30 (978):2 3.00 Linest Fill 3 700 (4184) 3.30 Teenage Turlles (6251) 4.00 The Ferals (5286) 4.30 Rugrals and Doug (4270) 5.00 Sister Sister (6009) 5.30 Mission Top Secret (522) 6.00 Ren and Surray (5763) 6.30-7.00 Clarissa (6015) DISCOVERY 4,00pm Time Traveliers (6111386) 4,30 Ambutance! (6100270) 5,00 Treasure Hurd-ers (4832763) 5,30 Terra X (6191522) 6,00 Voyager (6121763) 6,30 Beyond 2000 (8562544) 7,30 Antiur C Clarke's Mysteri-ous World (6118399) 8,00 Secrets of the

Psychics (9290812) 9.00 Secret Weapons (2038102) 9.30 Fields of Armour (2912831) 10.00 Classic Wheels (9213783) 11.00-12.00 Lions, Tigers and Bears (9501265) 12.00mpen FILM: Davil Gri trom Mars (3578396) 1.30 Death Valley Days (2995164) 2.00 The Wild Wild West (3027928) 3.00 Danger Man (2024908) 4,00 FiLM: Custer of the West (2779812) 6.30 Automan (3671638) 7.30 Sepphire and Steel (6105725) 8.00 Billionaire Boys

10.00-12.00 FILM: Love, Cheet and Sleat PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Beauty and the Beast (88725) 8.00 Entertainment Tonight (5883) 8.30 Wings (4928) 9.00 Soap (56638) 9.30 Laverne & Shirley (74473) 10.00 Entertainment To-reght (5096) 10.30 Bosom Buddles (44744) 11.00 Pigsty (51183) 11.30 Stedge-hammer (84589) 12.30am The Odd Couple (54059) 10.00 Wings (84989) 13.30 Stedge-(\$4058) 1.00 Wings (\$4987) 1.30 Soap (12503) 2.00 Leverne & Shirity (16416) 2.30 Entertainment Tongft (22023) 3.00 Bosom Buddies (85961) 3.30-4.00 Pigsty

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5.00pm Ocean Odyssey (2725) 5.30 Night Hood (296015) 5.35 Balman (839086) 6.30 Catchphrase (2831) 7.00 Trivial Pursuit (2589) 7.30 My Two Deds (8015) 8.00 FILM. Sherlock Holmes and the Hound of the Bastervilles (44005) 10.00 Treasure Hunt (23812) 11.00 Cars Eyes (39657) 12.00 Night Hood (35481) 12.30em Mighty Jungle (92232) 1.00 Balman (38023) 1.30 GP (65619) 2.00 The Black Stallon (52232) 2.30 African Stoss (75139) 3.00 GP (21787) 2.30 Airican Stess (75139) 3.00 GP (21787) 3.30 The Black Station (62619) 4.00 Aircan

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TUESDAY MARCH 12 1996

All-rounder's third century of World Cup secures semi-final date with West Indies

Waugh takes giant leap for Australia

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN MADRAS

MADRAS (New Zealand won toss): Australia beat New Zealand by six wickets

IT REQUIRED an innings of sublime authority to keep Australia in the World Cup yesterday and, with a casual inevitability. Mark Waugh provided it. Waugh bestrides this tournament, a colossus amid the mere giants of batsmanship, and the latest recital of his primacy contrived to shrink a target of 287 from formidable to little more than routine. Even on a flawless pitch, this was remarkably fine batting.

Waugh subdued a packed

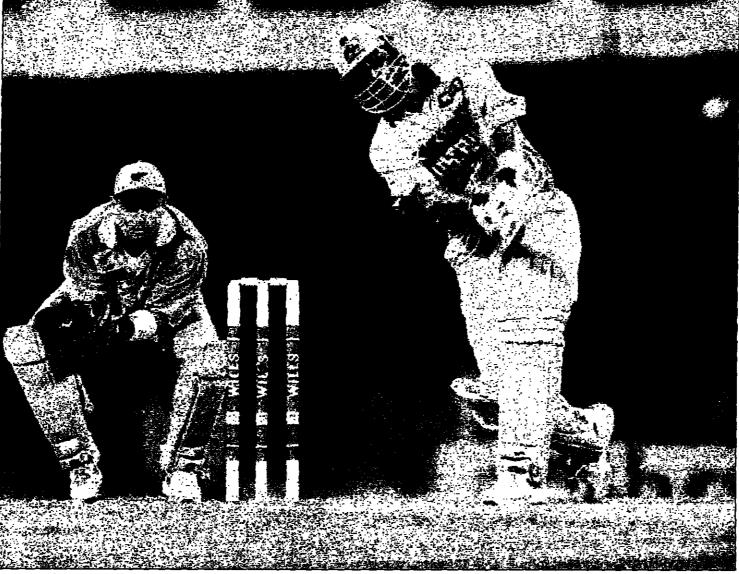
Chepauk crowd that sided



unambiguously with New Zealand. His 110 from 113 balls was his third century of the competition, a unique achievement, and with a possible two games left, it would be a brave man who bet against him making five. He played here with no sense of haste, despite the size of the task, and so contagious was his composure that Australia sauntered to victory with 13 balls to spare.

The cup favourites, having proceeded to the knockout stage via a false start and a couple of short cuts, will now meet West Indies, the surprise conquerors of South Africa, in the second semi-final at Chandigarh on Thursday. India and Sri Lanka meet in the first tie in Calcutta tomocrow

Pity poor New Zealand. Or. more particularly, pity their brave, unavailing hero. When the top table at this cricketing banquet was being considered, Christopher Zinzan Harris did not merit a mention. No form, no style, no chance. But the improbable Harris



Mark Waugh, left, launches another controlled assault on the New Zealand bowling in his innings of 110, an effort which counteracted the impact of the century recorded earlier by Harris, right

made an extraordinary 130, including four sixes, to give his team a position they had most glamorous guests of before the tournament's

Harris made a minor stir in the last World Cup with his swing bowling but little had heen heard of him since. His recent batting record of 68 runs in eight one-day innings egainst Australia did not inspire confidence when he entered the fray at No 5, with New Zealand 44 for three. Although he frequently appears to be only an ordinary cricketer. Harris does not suffer from a faint heart.

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Harris was the real man of the match, not least for his later bowling, which was miserly in the extreme. It was an unsentimental adjudicator Waugh.

A restless, engaging person-ality, Harris once enlivened a boring evening on a youth tour by leaping from one tower block roof to another. These days, he is identified by the red sports car he drives around Christchurch with great vigour, and, of course, by the name Zinzan, shared by his father, a New Zealand cricketer of three decades ago. and by the Ali Black rugby

player, Zinzan Brooke, who is a distant relative. A significant part of his two

hours of glory was shared with Lee Germon. There have been few more anonymous international captains in recent years, but Germon's credentials were obvious here. He leads by example. Once more promoting himself to No 3, considered a dubious move by some of his team, he justified such self-belief with an assertive 89. With Harris's long arms swinging through the line, their stand was worth 168 in only 27 overs, thrillingly positive batting within the new one-day philosophy (which escapes England) of favouring runs on the board

The courage of such cricket

Southampton and Notting-

After their home defeat by

Manchester United opened up

the Premiership title race, the

possibility of serious fixture congestion is clearly troubling

Newcastle. "I don't think it's

right that we should go two

weeks without a game and

then face the prospect of three

matches in five or six days,"

Terry McDermott, the

Newcastle assistant manager, said yesterday. "It's scandal-ous really. We've just got to get

on with it, but all this stopping

and starting has not done us

Sunderland, among the

pace-setters at the top of the

Endsleigh Insurance League

first division, have been

awarded a £2.5 million grant

from the Football Trust to-

wards building a new all-seat

stadium at Wearmouth Col-

liery. Sunderland have

received permission to build a 34,000-capacity stadium to replace Roker Park, their present ground, but hope to

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increase that to 40,000.

desperation. New Zealand had started appallingly, wasting the advantage of the toss. Nathan Astle, who made the first century of this World Cup, against England almost five weeks ago, completed a

subsequent sequence of 0, 1, 2, 6 and I.

Eventually, New Zealand

fell short of their optimum, the last 15 overs producing only 74 runs. Australia's professionalism held up through this

"M A Taylor c Germon to Patel. M E Waugh c Parore b Nash ...

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BOWLING, Nash 9-1-44-1; Patel 8-0-47-1; Calms 6.5-0-51-0; Harris 10-1-41-0; Thomson 8-0-57-1; Asde 3-0-21-1; Twose 3-0-23-0.

phase, and it was critical that it did, for they could otherwise have been chasing 320. Even Waugh might have had trou-

Without the injured Morrison and Larsen, the New Zealand bowling was thread-bare but Dion Nash bowled a precise first spell and the old tactic of giving the new ball to Dipak Patel worked again with the early wicket of Mark Taylor. Waugh was utterly unmoved. First with Ricky Ponting, briefly with the audaciously promoted Shane Warne (24 from 14 balls), and then decisively with his brother. Steve, he dispelled New Zealand's optimism before

Germon played Nash, his final card, too late. Although

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one Waugh, Mark, was out in his first over back in the attack — but not before he had broken Graham Goods record aggregate of 471 runs in a World Cup - the other remained to supervise an endBMH :: 13,2%

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ing far less tense than had seemed likely. Taylor, the Australia capsemi-final encounter, against a rejuvenated West Indies, may be tough. "I dare say their South Africa, so it should be a

good game, he said. Germon said he believed his team should have scored another 20 runs to make Australia's daunting task even more difficult.

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for Asprilla

BY PETER BALL

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any favours."

FAUSTINO ASPRILLA, Newcastle United's £6.7 million Colombia forward, has asked for a personal hearing on charges of misconduct. Asprilla was charged by the Football Association two weeks ago on two counts after clashes with Keith Curle in Newcastle's game against Manchester City at Maine Road on February 24.

Asprilla's delay in deciding to ask for a hearing means that he will be available for Newcastle for at least the next two games on their FA Carling Premiership run-in and, with Easter looming, probably more It will be a surprise if the FA succeeds in fixing a date for the hearing before Easter.

Even if it does, Asprilla is now available for the games against West Ham United, Arsenal, and Liverpool provided that Liverpool are not involved in an FA Cup semi-final. It emerged yester-day there could even be a further delay if Asprilla decides to appeal.

"We would normally give a dub 14 days to appeal." Clare Tomlinson, an FA spokes-woman, said yesterday. In the most extreme case, Asprilla could be available for virtually all the rest of the season before any suspension came into

However, if Newcastle are using the rules to the full to keep Asprilla playing, they may be facing a serious fixture pile-up. If Liverpool beat Leeds United in their FA Cup sixth-round replay. Newcas-tle's visit to Anfield on March 30 will have to be postponed. while cup commitments could also affect the games against

Old Trafford to host FA Cup semi-final

By Our Sports Staff

OLD TRAFFORD and either Villa Park or Highbury will stage the FA Cup semi-finals this season, the Football Association announced yesterday. David Davies, the FA director of public affairs, said that the game between Liverpool or Leeds United and Nottingham Forest or Aston Villa would be staged at Old Trafford on Sunday, March 31, with a 4pm kick-off.

Villa Park would be the

venue for the other game if Manchester United beat Southampton in their quarterfinal tie, which was being played last night. But if Southampton won, they would play at Highbury against the winners of the replay between Wimbledon and Cheisea. That semi-final will kick-off at 1.30pm on the

same day.

Last season, the FA announced that semi-finals would not be played at the home grounds of any of the teams left in the last four. Davies, however, said yesterday that the capacities of the grounds had been an important factor in the decisions over venues, as was the fact that both Old Trafford and Villa Park are "key Euro '96 |European championship|

Davies said: "Old Trafford's new stand is likely to boost the capacity at one of the semi-finals to beyond 50,000 and the FA has awarded one tie to the Premier League's biggest ground. Both semi-finals in the FA Cup will be televised live. Any replays would be staged at the same venues on Wednesday, April 10."

The FA will wait for the report of the fourth official.

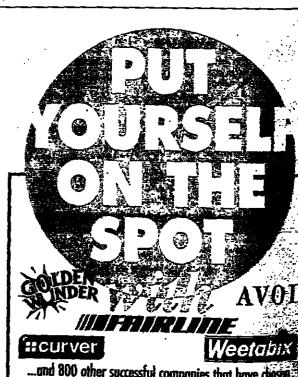
Peter Jones, before deciding whether any action is to be taken against Mick Harford. the Wimbledon forward, for his verbal attack on Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea manager, during the FA Cup quarter-final tie at Stamford Bridge on Saturday.

Harford was angered by a decision by the referee, Graham Poll, to award a free kick for an intentional back pass by Kenny Cunningham. Chelsea scored from the resulting free kick and, although Wim-bledon equalised, Harford allegedly swore at Hoddle and gesticulated towards the Chelsea supporters.

Keith Lacy, the safety of-ficer at Stamford Bridge, said Harford had "completely lost his rag", and used "atrocious" language. The referee did not see the incident, but it was witnessed by Jones, the re-serve official.

Steve Double, an FA spokesman, said: "We are waiting to speak to the rele-vant officials before we decide whether or not we need to take matters further. At this moment, we simply do not have a view on the incident. Before we can take any position we need to know what happened, and what the officials saw and heard."

Italy's Serie A will be suspended on Sunday because of a strike called by the Italian players' association (AJC). The players say their opinions are being disregarded by the authorities. They want the abolition of transfer fees for players out of contract to be implemented at the end of the season and a limit to the number of players from outside the European Union that



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Kunedy Onassis: "she ever sold anything"

Upmarket arage sale tells story of Onassis

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

THE late Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis was yesterday confirmed as one of the great hoarders of history. Sotheby's unveiled the catalogue for its forthcoming New York auction of her estate, and produced a 580-page book the weight of the average

audion - an inpmarket garage sale — includes 5,500 objects, grouped into 1,195 lots. They range from costume jewellery to antique furniture, from a plastic toy Air Force One to Mrs Onassis's last car — a blue BMW with 10.032 miles on the clock.

Diana Brooks, president of Sotheby's, described the former First Lady's squirrel-like habits. "She never sold or gave anything away. She had the most amazing trove." In preparing for the auction, she said, staff had come across cheap baubles which the then Mrs Kennedy had worn in the White House in the early 1960s and had never discarded.

Sotheby's has printed 100,000 copies of the \$90 (£57) catalogue, an unprecedented amount, proceeds from which will go to charity. In a preface. ber children have for the first time given their reasons for selling their mother's belongings. "She believed in individuals more than institutions," they explained.

President Kennedy golf equipment is divided into five lots with, for instance, a set of Ben Hogan Power Thrust clubs with a leather bag inscribed "JFK Washington DC" expected to fetch \$900. Among other sportsaddle which belonged to Mrs Onassis, a keen horsewoman. It carries a plague with the inscription: "Mrs A.S.Onassis".

US raises

the stakes in Taiwan war games

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

sabre-rattling.

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tacked since 1949.

that it has the capability to

The Bunker Hill is already

south of Taiwan observing China's missile tests. The air-

sea manoeuvres, using live ammunition, will take place in

a box-shaped zone lying about

32 miles from Kinmen, a fortress island in Taiwanese

hands near the mainland

which China has twice at-

Gerald Segal, senior fellow

for Asian security studies at

the London-based Internation-

al Institute for Strategic Stud-

ies, said China appeared to be

planning a co-ordinated ma-

noeuvre combining the East

China Sea Fleet with the South

China Sea Fleet in a rehearsal

China has a second-rate

navy compared with the West,

consisting mainly of warships

from the 1950s. It is believed

the Chinese plan to involve

about 150,000 troops, includ-

ing the crews of about 30

ships, in the nine-day naval and air exercise which starts

for a full-scale invasion.

THE arrival of an American aircraft carrier battle group armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles and the expected arrival of another within two weeks has dramatically increased the odds against China risking military action against Taiwan.

The two carriers, USS Independence and the nuclear-powered USS Nimitz, each with at least four escorts and a Los Angeles-class submarine, presented to Peking a firepower combination that offered the biggest disincentive to taking on the Taiwanese.

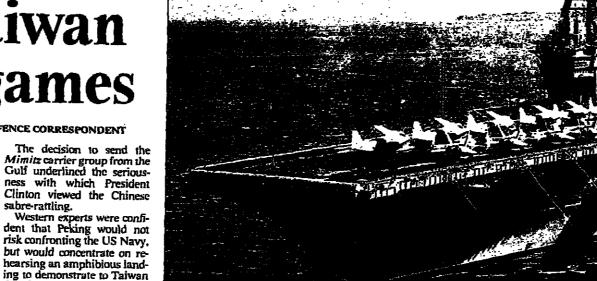
Although China is engaged in political as well as military manoeuvres this week, there were fears that Peking might have considered mounting a token attack, such as an amphibious landing on one of the uninhabited islands off Taiwan. This would pose more of a challenge for the US. as it would force the naval task group to enter the Taiwan Strait - a riskier venture than striking a deterrent posture from 100 miles away.

The Independence, accompanied by USS O'Brien and USS Hewitt, both destroyers, USS Bunker Hill, a guided-missile cruiser, USS Mc-Clusky, a guided-missile frigate, and a Los Angelesclass hunter-killer submarine - all from the US Seventh Fleet - had been diverted from an exercise in the west-

ern Pacific. Both Hewitt and

McClusky are armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles. Leading article, page 17

TAIWAN



The aircraft carrier USS Independence which with support vessels has been moved into "a position to be helpful" nearer Taiwan

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eking hawks soar on wind of patriotism

COMMENTARY

BARRING an accident, there will be no invasion of Taiwan this spring or this year. But there is a good chance of one over the next three years.

Taiwan represents the final piece in the 20th-century drive to reclaim China's "lost" possessions. The dates for the other two are already fixed: Hong Kong in 1997, Macau in 1999. These recoveries reflect traditional Chinese determination not to let frontier areas slip away or weaken. Hence the rage directed at individuals who threaten its possessions - the Dalai Lama, Chris Patten, and President Lee Teng-hui.

More mainlanders favour retaking Taiwan than is sometimes understood abroad. Even if they fear the party,

they are proud of a China no longer too weak to defend its territories, and they resent what they see as America's hand behind Taiwan's insubordination. Such patriots feel that only with the resumption of mainland authority in Taiwan - lost to Japan in 1895 will China's civil war end.

Then there is the present leadership claiming to act in the name of Deng Xiaoping. Hawkish leaders such as President Jiang Zemin and the Prime Minister, Li Peng, and even supposed-ly moderate Politburo members like Li Ruihuan and Qiao Shi are swaggering to show party kingmakers that they have what it takes to keep China "rich and strong". Mr Jiang especially may give the army its head in the Taiwan theatre in exchange for its support for him as supreme leader. The army is telling the politicians that, unless the invasion comes in the

will have established Taiwan as Republic of China-Taiwan and he and other leaders will be regular visitors to Japan and the United States. That will mean that Taiwan, the first fully elected Chinese democracy, will be impossible to subdue. This, they say, will encourage separatist Muslims in Xinjiang and the Tibetan Buddhists.

next two to three years, President Lee

The army cannot prevail in Taiwan now. In its last outing, against Vietnam in 1979, it was purimelled badly. Hence the present war games — that contain the ingredients for an invasion with missiles, mock landings on the Fujian coast and live ammuni-

People's Liberation Army generals are gambling that, while America might attack a seaborne invasion force from the air, once it was ashore and reinforced Washington would not go

After the invasion, what then? An occupied Taiwan. It would be hundreds of times more troublesome than Tibet, whose two million unarmed but restive people have for 40 years tied down a considerable portion of the Chinese military and security apparatus and attracted world sympathy.

Such would be the fruit of Peking's invasion: years of turbulent occupa-

The dollars that buy friendship

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THERE was a moment last the pre-eminent Washington year when some members of lobbyists, Cassidy and Asso-Congress became almost zealous about making sure the think-tank close to Mr Lee had President of Taiwan had a hired the firm for \$4.5 million drink with former classmates at Cornell University.

So insistent was their demand that the White House relented and allowed a visa for President Lee Teng-hui to visit his alma mater last June. The trip, cloaked as a private visit, was in reality the first visit to the United States by the Taiwanese President since America recognised the People's Republic of China in 1979. It was also another coup for

ciates. In 1994, a Taiwan to lobby the island's friends on Capitol Hill and force President Clinton's hand. Money never hurts in Washington and canvassers for the Far Eastern territory were soon carpeting congressional of-fices with letters, telephone calls and offers of fact-finding

The company was quick to target Capitol Hill immediately after the landslide victory for Republicans in November

missions to Taipei.

1994 pushed conservative friends of Taipei to the head of the House international relainfluential committees.

Activated by a letter-writing and telephone campaign in favour of President Lee's visit and pro-Taiwan resolutions from more than 30 state legislatures, Cassidy created a wall-to-wall lobby that also targeted Democrats and centrist Republicans.

When Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, told Congress that the Lee visit would reverse the policies of six Administrations, he was informed that it was a disgrace to bar a firm friend of

tions committee voted 33-0 to House and the Chinese Embassy were informed that the legislative battle was irrevocably lost. Taiwan had won. But Peking, despite a lack-

America. By last April, when

lustre lobby in the American capital, has still managed to win the big battles over such important issues as most favoured nation trading status. For the moment, Taiwan's lobbyists are anxiously watching events off the coast to see

Sudan's Islamic leader tests his faith in the ballot-box

IN SHARTOUM

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DRIVING around the dusty, baked streets of Sahafa looking for a polling station in Sudan's first "free" elections in seven years, one gets an answer which has the predictability of hot weather in Khartoum - a patronising giggle.

"Polling centre? I think there might be one in the school over there. No, it is next to the shop selling Coke. No one is taking much interest." shrugged Ahmed, a smiling bicycle

Some enthusiasm for politics might have been expected in Sahafa. if nowhere else. More than 900 candidates are contesting the 180-odd

constituencies in Sudan's parliamen-tary elections. But if the philosopherleader of the National Islamic Front, Ali Hassan al-Turabi, lost in Sahafa, it would be the end for the regime he has headed since the military coup of 1989, when President al-Bashir, commander-in-chief of Sudan's armed forces, toppled the elected Government of Sadiq al-Mahdi.

The voting in Sahafa is a test of popularity. If al-Turabi were to lose, it would be an abject humiliation and a popular uprising would come in a matter of days," a senior Western diplomat said.

Although he boasts that he "could have been a minister in any number of governments over the past 20 years, because of my family contacts." the last time Dr al-Turabi dared put this to a ballot, in 1986, he lost Sahafa. It is perhaps for this reason that his main opponent, Abdirahman al-Sallawi, a prominent businessman and member of the outgoing People's Congress, has alleged he gets "three death threats a day" from Dr al-Turabi's Islamic fundamentalist followers.

Campaigning is on a strictly individual basis because, Dr al-Turabi said, "all the other parties represent religious sects, elitist family cliques, and the barren and discredited political philosophies of the West". Sudan is faced with the threat of United Nations sanctions over its refusal to hand over three Egyptian gunmen who attempted to assassinate President Mubarak of Egypt in Ethiopia last year. But although its rulers desire legitimacy, it is on their

own terms.
"We will allow the formation of political parties when genuine 'trends' appear among them. But parties are not part of our moral life." Dr al-Turabi said.

Of the loss of about \$900 million (£538 million) in foreign aid, he said: "Isolation has strengthened our economic base. The West is against us because they fear Islam."

However, a trade deficit of \$400 million and late payment of loans to the International Monetary Fund have meant that Sudan faces the prospect of being the first country to be expelled from the organisation.

The Umma Party of Mr al-Mahdi - great-grandson of the revolutionleader who sacked Khartoum and killed General Charles Gordon in the uprising of 1885 - and the Democratic Union Party have boycotted the elections as a sham. Like most of those who are running against the regime's candidates, Mr al-Sallawi is a liberal. "We want to be friends with the US, with our neighbours. We need trade, educa-

tolerance," he said. Ordinary citizens see the elections as a foregone conclusion. One man, although a devout Muslim, said: "Putting Islam into politics is like putting water in petrol. It makes a noise and doesn't work".

tion, an end to inflation, and religious

US blacks floored by Tyson attack on O.J.

By Quentin Letts

MIKE TYSON, the heavyweight boxer, has surprised black America by making an outspoken attack on O.J. Simpson. Mr Tyson said Mr Simpson should "shut his mouth" instead of trying to convince the public of his innocence. Mr Tyson, who has become

Muslim since serving three years in jail for rape, criticised Mr Simpson's behaviour since he was acquitted of murder. "God is allowing this to happen," said Mr Tyson. "God is

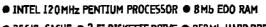
planning to screw him." There was no immediate reaction from the Simpson camp to the remarks, made in an interview with Esquire magazine.

Mr Simpson has been criticised for profiting from a video in which he tells his side of the story. However, Mr Tyson continues to protest his innocence about the rape charges. 'i didn't rape anyone, and she knows it," he said, referring to his beauty queen victim, Desiree Washington. I was the one got raped."

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Kay Redfield Jamison battled for more than a decade to accept lithium as an everyday part of her life

A search for peace from an unquiet mind

book on manic depression she describes an ex-

On a visit to England to stay with her lover — a "tall, handsome" British army psychiatrist — she visits Canter-bury Cathedral. She kneels to contemplate the place of Becket's murder, and to pray, and in the process remembers she has not taken her pills. In panic she reaches for the bottle from her handbag and spills its contents over the dirty cathedral floor.

"It was a moment of embarrassment, but of reckoning as weil," she writes. "It meant i would have to ask David to write a prescription for me." It meant, in short, that she would have to reveal to him that she was not only a world expert on manic depression, but a sufferer from it as well.

"David" is wonderfully understanding: he provides unconditional support as well as a prescription. This sort of love and its role in helping manic depressives to cope with their lifelong and life-threatening illness is a major theme of Jamison's new book, An Unauiet Mind, which is shortly to be published in Britain.

But the book is hardly a love story. It is, chiefly, a harrowing insight, through the eyes of a patient going public for the first time, into the unimaginably traumatic highs and lows of manic depression. It reveals first-hand the debilitating sideeffects of lithium, the only known drug that reliably controls those fluctuations, and it tells from equally personal experience of the lethal dangers of not taking it.

An Unquiet Mind is, not

least, the story of a determined and fiercely talented woman reaching the top of a maledominated profession against extraordinary odds. These odds never appeared in starker relief than at the start of her career. After struggling at high swings that she later learnt were early symptoms of manic depression, Jamison triumphed at the first and stiffest test posed by American academia: she passed a gruelling threehour oral exam on her PhD thesis on heroin addiction, and won an associate professorship in psychiatry at the University of California, Los Angeles.

In a disturbing new book about manic depression, Professor Kay Redfield Jamison describes her professional and personal experiences. Giles Whittell reports from Los Angeles

"I had a glorious summer," she writes, "and within three months of becoming a profes-sor I was ravingly psychotic." She already knew, and se-cretly enjoyed, the mind-ex-

panding trips and inexhaustble energies of mild mania. Wistfully, she recalls going for nights on end with no need of sleep but a voracious appetite for books, sex, talk and general revelry. She describes in language similar to that of LSD enthusiasts an exquisite hypersensitivity to music and visual imagery during those early upswings: "I found myself in that glorious illu-

sion of high sum-Within mer days, gliding, again lurching three through cloud-banks and ethers, months of past stars, and across fields of ice becoming a crystals ... I remember singing
Fly Me To The Moon as I swept past those of Saturn, and thinking myself terribly

She had also experienced dark, bewildering depressions, during which getting out of bed seemed an impossible effort and death was a continuous obsession.

ut the new, psychotic phase of the illness brought with it a different order of terror. "You are irritable, angry, frightened, uncontrollable, and enmeshed totally in the blackest caves of the mind," Jamison writes. "It goes on and frenetic, aimless behaviours for mania has at least some grace in partially obliterating memories.

But forgetting about her condition was not an option. She had spent \$30,000 she didn't have on frenzied shopping sprees, and had raised evebrows - some disapproving, some sympathetic — with-in the university establishment by dressing provocatively and schmoozing frantically at the chancellor's summer garden party. It was a performance that at least one colleague recognised as out of character.

and probably manic. Scared and humiliated, she signed on with a psychiatrist and started taking lithium. It dulled her senses, shortened her concentration span, made reading a struggle and threw off her co-ordination in everything from playing squash to raising a cup of coffee to her

lips. The drug also deprived her of the intoxicating highs of her youth, but at least it softened the lows as well. Much of An Unquiet Mind is devoted to Jamison's battle over more

than a decade to

accept lithium as

an everyday part of

her life. It is a battle

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> summons her with primal screams to the UCLA Medical Centre's emergency room, where she finds him strapped to a trolley, writhing in the trough of a psychotic depression, having refused to take his lithium, watched by three policemen with hands on their guns.

> The patient survived that episode but continued to refuse his lithium and eventually killed himself.

It took a brush with death to force Jamison to accept the depression" that lasted a year and a half she resolved to end her life -- ironically, with a lithium overdose. Taken to hospital before it had time to work, she was nurtured from a coma back to fragile health by doctor friends who monitored her lithium levels every day.

Her achievements since have been nothing short of miraculous. She co-founded UCLA's

first outpatient clinic for suftrers of severe mood swing, wrote prolifically, won secual employment at the universit and organised a series o concerts in aid of research into manic depression, with ton orchestras playing music by such manic geniuses as Schumann and Berlioz

In 1986 she moved to Washington to become Professor of Psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Passionate, beautiful and workaholic, her idea of relaxation was to take a year's sabbatical in England. There she fell in love with Oxford as a senior research fellow at Merton College, and with another. tall and elegant Englishman (David having tragically died in Hong Kong of a heart

he recounts her love affairs so unselfconsciously that they would not be out of place in a Mills and Boon novel. Embracing this new man outside a mews house she was renting in South Kensington, for example, she "felt and smelt the rain against his coat, felt his arms around me, and remembered, with relief, how extraordinary scents and rain and love and life can be.

Kay Redfield Jamison has: written elsewhere on links between manic depression and creative genius. In Touched With Fire (1993) she lists as sufferers Van Gogh, Byron, Virginia Woolf, Rupert Brooke, Graham Greene and F. Scott Fitzgerald, among many others. Critics accused her of glamorising the disease. This time she has concentrated on its afflictions, pointing out that tens of thousands die of it each. year in America alone (including a distressing number of young and talented doctors) and fearlessly laying bare her own inner demons.

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Still, she can't resist a plug for the illness that has both defined her life and been the work. With it, she claims, she has "felt more things, more deeply: had more experiences. more intensely; loved more, and been more loved" than she would have done without it. Given the choice she asks herself, would she be manic depressive? With the right dose of lithium, she answers, yes.

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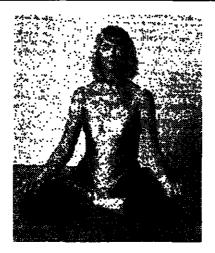
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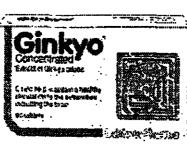


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How bark extracts can treat cancer

Trees of life

THE origins of the proverb that those who plant trees love others beside themselves is lost in antiquity but its truth is being borne out by the use of trees in modern medicine.

In the past, drugs ranging from quinine and salicylates (aspirin-type drugs) to cam-phor have had their place in the pharmacopoeia but now extracts of trees and plants are increasingly being used in oncology, the treatment of

The people who planted the Pacific yew had no idea that an extract of its bark, market-ed as Taxol, would be useful in the treatment of cancer of the breast and any more than the men who tended the churchyards of Britain knew that one day the leaves of the European

STUTTAFORD yew would yield another anticancer drug. Taxotere.

Country people over much of Asia, and the Chinese in particular, have from time immemorial planted a tree — Xi-Shu (known in botanical circles as Camptotheca accuminata) — both for the beauty of its white flowers in August and for its firewood. It is a rapidly growing tree which can reach a height of 100ft and a diameter of 3ft in 20 years. Scientists have now discovered that an alkaloid derived from the wood of Camptotheca is useful in the treatment of cancer of the colon and rectum. Two pharmaceutical firms are using the tree to produce the drugs Irinotecan and Topotecan. They are still undergoing trials, but early research sug-gests that they will benefit between 15 and 30 per cent of

colon once the standard firstline chemotherapy - at the moment 5-fluorouracil (5-FU) - has failed. Other trials are assessing the drugs as firstline treatment in their own

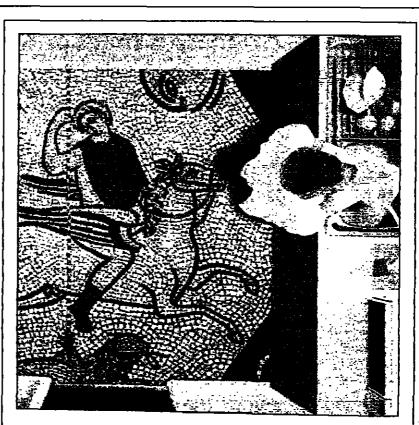
There are 28,000 new cases of cancer of the colon and rectum each year, of whom about a third live for more than five years after treatment and can be considered cured. Treatment of those who have advanced disease when first diagnosed, or who

later develop secondary spread, is changing, and British doctors are accepting the American view that s worthwhile. Recent statistics suggest that it can double the survival time from the diag-nosis of an ad-

vanced case and can also improve the quality of life of Whereas Irinotecan and

Topotecan have not yet com-pleted their clinical trials, the pharmaceutical company Zeneca, formerly ICI, has recently marketed the first new drug for the treatment of advanced cases of colon cancer for 35 years, during which time the drug 5-FU has been standard

Dr Peter Harper, a consultant oncologist at Guy's Hospital. London, says that Zeneca's new palliative drug. Tomudex (raltitrexed), requires an intravenous injection every three weeks and is therefore more compatible with a normal lifestyle than recurrent courses of 5-FU, which involve hospital visits either five days a month or



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THE TIMES TUESDAY MARCH 12 1996 . Saddam role in killing of sons-in-law emerges

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

A MONTH after the Baghdad shoot-out that killed two former sons-in-law of President Saddam Hussein, the full story of their murder is beginning to seep out to the West.

Like some medieval blood feud, it reveals a battle more violent, more grisly and more closely directed by Saddam and his two sons than so far admitted by the Iraqis.

The walled villa where Hussein Kamel Hassan, the former head of Iraqi intelligence, and his brother sought shelter after their quixotic return from Jordan was surrounded at dawn by Iraqi security forces, who trained a formidable array of troops and weapons on the defectors. By nightfall, the house had been reduced to rubble, and the defectors and other family members were dead.

Details of the gun battle were gathered by one of the few Western journalists allowed to visit Iraq since the murders. Jack Redden of Reuter reported after reaching Amman from Baghdad that no foreigners have been allowed to visit the city's Saydiya district and access is difficult even for Iraqis.

The various accounts of the battle on February 23 all point to a protracted and well-



Saddam: must have approved the murders

organised military operation. According to Mr Redden, diplomats believe it must have had the approval of Saddam. The battle began with light weapons, but heavy machineguns were soon used, and eventually anti-tank rockets were fired into the building. Nearby houses suffered considerable damage, Mr Redden learnt from Iraqi and diplomatic sources.

The Iraqis announced afterwards that four people were killed: Hussein Kamel and his brother Dadda, another brother and their father. But sources in Baghdad put the

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toll far higher, with about ten members of the family killed, including two sisters and at least one sister's child. King Husain of Jordan, who offered asylum to Hussein Kamel, said recently that the defector's children - Saddam's own grandchildren — were probably also killed on Saddam's orders.

"Several accounts said Hussein Kamel's body was dragged on to the street. Some reports say Saddam's son Uday arrived to kick and spit at his old enemy," Mr Redden reported. A feud between the two men was believed to be the main reason for Hussein Kamel's defection, triggered by a row over a sports car owned by Uday.

Evidence of a family vendetta has brought comparisons with ancient blood feuds. Iraqi security forces are usually drawn from Saddam's relatives, to ensure their loyalty, and the force attacking Hussein Kamel was headed by Qusay, Saddam's second son. He joined his older brother at the head of a funeral procession held afterwards for two men from the security force who were killed in the shoot-

The former intelligence chief, held responsible for of Saddam's most bloody repression in the Shia south, was hated by most Iraqis, and few in Baghdad appeared to mourn his death. He was apparently ready for a showdown. Separated from Saddam's daughter on arrival from Jordan, and then divorced, he fled to his sister's house and stocked up with

Mr Redden said the key question now in Baghdad was whether the killings had ended in a society where revenge is an obligation. In ancient times such feuds cost societies dear in lost men and spilled blood. But most Iraqis today are worried that evidence of Saddam's brutality will delay any easing of United Nations sanctions. Yesterday saw the opening of the second round of talks between the UN secretariat and Irag on th of oil for food.

☐ Inspectors blocked: For the second time in four days Iraq yesterday blocked UN weapons inspectors from checking a site, this time in a desert area near Baghdad. The Iraqi Army barred a convoy of vehicles carrying the same inspectors who were prevented from entering a ministry building in Baghdad late on Friday. (Reuter)

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Arafat's police arrest Hamas leader

Jerusalem: Palestinian police have arrested a political leader of the Hamas detention represents a significant hard-Islamic extremist group and three more senior members of the organisation's

military wing (Ross Dunn writes). Sayed Abu Musameh, who took over the political leadership of Hamas in Gaza and the West Bank in 1989, is now being held in custody as part of

ening of the PLO's attitude to Hamas, since he was seen as a pragmatist willing to engage in negotiations. The latest arrests prompted Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, to praise Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader and chairman of the Palestinian Authority, for the

crackdown against Hamas. "There are really six persons who are running the show," Mr Peres said. "He [Arafat] has arrested three, and we expect him to arrest the other three who are still at large." The man likely to be at the top of the list is Muhammad al-Deif, the suspected mastermind of recent suicide bombings in Israel

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Assad spurns Sinai summit

By Michael Binyon

PRESIDENT ASSAD of Syria will not attend the international anti-terrorism summit in Egypt tomorrow, according to President Mubarak, the host.

He refused to give reasons for the Syrian leader's refusal to join President Clinton, John Major and other international leaders in the Sinai town of Sharm el Sheikh. But it is clear that Mr Assad is unwilling to risk meeting Shirnon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, before talks are concluded on ending the state of war

between Israel and Syria. Mr Assad is also unwilling now to take the kind of tough political action against terrorist groups the summit is sure to demand. Damascus offers hospitality to ten rejectionist Palestinian and Islamic groups, including Hamas.

The Syrian leader's refusal to attend undermines plans to banish terrorism from the region. Jordan and Egypt have promised full co-operation, but Syria and Lebanon remain terrorist havens.

Mr Assad will pay a price for not attending. America will not now look favourably on requests to remove Syria from the list of nations sponsoring

react coolly to Damascus's hopes for closer links. The Israelis may now be less willing to consider a full pullout from the Golan Heights. Mr Major will tell the summit of vigorous British efforts to curb the use of London as a haven for Islamic radicals. ☐ Madrid: The Spanish paper. El Pais. revealed yesterday that Spain held four months of secret talks with Iran last year to get it to end the death sentence against Salman Rushdie and support for Hamas, but Tehran was intractable (Edward Owen writes). Javier Solana, then Foreign Minister, conducted

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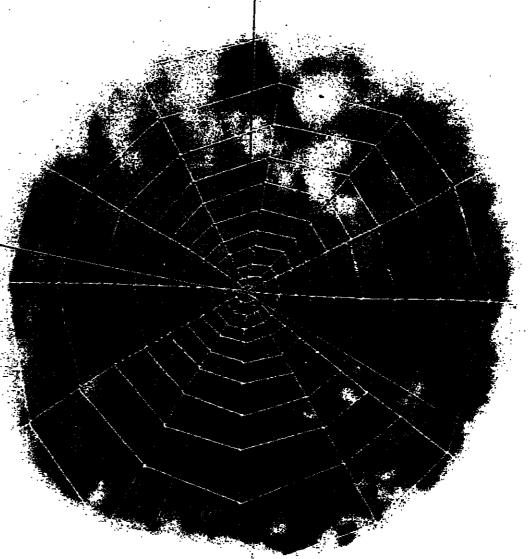
fatwa would be lifted would allow relations to improve. But Tehran wanted the EU to "give the necessary cooperation for Iran to acquire nuclear technology for peace-ful purposes". Ali Akbar Velayati the Foreign Minister, said that, in exchange,

the talks during Spain's presi-dency of the European Union.

He told Tehran that only a

written declaration that the

Iran was disposed to "initiate serious co-operation against



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All-rounder's third century of World Cup secures semi-final date with West Indies

Waugh takes giant leap for Australia

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN MADRAS

MADRAS (New Zealand won toss): Australia beat New Zealand by six wickets

IT REQUIRED an innings of sublime authority to keep Australia in the World Cup yesterday and, with a casual inevitability, Mark Waugh provided it. Waugh bestrides this tournament, a colossus amid the mere giants of batsmanship, and the latest recital of his primacy contrived to shrink a target of 287 from formidable to little more than routine. Even on a flawless pitch, this was remarkably fine batting.

Waugh subdued a packed Chepauk crowd that sided

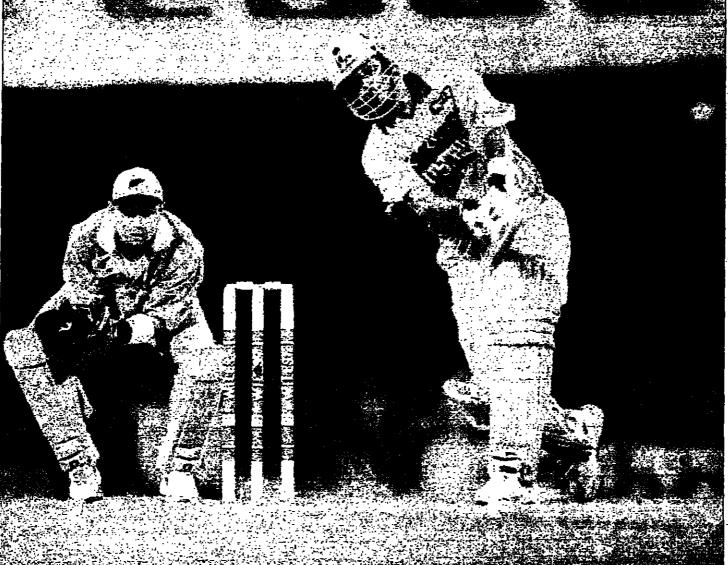


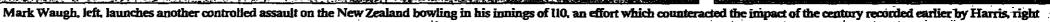
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unambiguously with New Zealand. His 110 from 113 balls was his third century of the competition, a unique achievement, and with a possible two games left, it would be a brave man who bet against him making five. He played here with no sense of haste, despite the size of the task, and so contagious was his composure that Australia sauntered to

victory with 13 balls to spare. The cup favourites, having proceeded to the knockout stage via a false start and a couple of short cuts, will now meet West Indies, the surprise conquerors of South Africa, in the second semi-final at Chanon Thursday. and Sri Lanka meet in the first

tie in Calcutta tomorrow. Pity poor New Zealand. Or. more particularly, pity their brave, unavailing hero. When the top table at this cricketing banquet was being considered Christopher Zinzan Harris did not merit a mention. No form, no style, no chance. But the improbable Harris





threatened, for a time, to evict the most glamorous guests of before the tournament's main course.

Harris made a minor stir in the last World Cup with his swing bowling but little had been heard of him since. His recent batting record of runs in eight one-day innings against Australia did not inspire confidence when he entered the fray at No 5, with New Zealand 44 for three. Although he frequently appears to be only an ordinary cricketer. Harris does not suffer from a faint heart.

Stricken with cramp, soaking with perspiration. he

made an extraordinary 130, including four sixes, to give his team a position they had scarcely dared to believe

Harris was the real man of the match, not least for his later bowling, which was miunsentimental adjudicator who gave the award to Waugh. A restless, engaging person

ality, Harris once enlivened a boring evening on a youth tour by leaping from one tower block roof to another. These days, he is identified by the red sports car he drives around Christchurch with great vigour, and, of course, by the name Zinzan, shared by his father, a New Zealand cricketer of three decades ago, and by the All Black rugby

player, Zinzan Brooke, who is A significant part of his two

hours of glory was shared with Lee Germon. There have been few more anonymous international captains in recent years, but Germon's cre-He leads by example. Once more promoting himself to No 3, considered a dubious move by some of his team, he justified such self-belief with an assertive 89. With Harris's long arms swinging through the line, their stand was worth 168 in only 27 overs, thrillingly

favouring runs on the board over wickets in hand.

desperation. New Zealand had started appallingly, wasting the advantage of the toss. Nathan Astle, who made the first century of this World Cup, against England almost

five weeks ago, completed a

positive batting within the new one-day philosophy (which escapes England) of

The courage of such cricket was that it was born of

subsequent sequence of 0, 1, 2, fell short of their optimum, the

last 15 overs producing only 74 runs. Australia's professionalism held up through this

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BOWLING Nash 9-1-44-1; Patel 8-0-47-1; Carns 8-5-0-51-0; Harris 10-1-41-0; Thomson 8-0-57-1; Astie 3-0-21-1; Twose 3-0-23-0 Umpires. S Venkataraghavan (India) and C Mitchley (South Africa). phase, and it was critical that it did, for they could otherwise have been chasing 320. Even Waugh might have had trou-

son and Larsen, the New Zealand bowling was threadprecise first spell and the old tactic of giving the new ball to Dipak Patel worked again with the early wicket of Mark Taylor. Waugh was utterly unmoved. First with Ricky Ponting, briefly with the audaciously promoted Shane Warne (24 from 14 halls), and then decisively with his brother, Steve, he dispelled New Zealand's ontimism before they had even begun to enjoy

Germon played Nash, his final card, too late. Although

one Waugh, Mark, was out in his first over back in the attack - but not before he had broken Graham Goods's ble with that. record aggregate of 471 runs in Without the injured Morri-World Cup - the other remained to supervise an end-

ing far less tense than had Taylor, the Australia captain, acknowledged that their semi-final encounter, against a rejuverizted West Indies. may be tough. "I dare say their confidence is up after beating South Africa, so it should be a good game, he said:

Germon said he believed his team should have scored another 20 runs to make Australia's daunting task even more difficult.

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sixth-round replay. Newcas-tle's visit to Anfield on March

By PETER BALL Southampton and Notting-

ous really. We've just got to get on with it, but all this stopping

and starting has not done us

Sunderland, among the pace-setters at the top of the

Endsleigh Insurance League

first division, have been awarded a £2.5 million grant

from the Football Trust to-

wards building a new all-seat stadium at Wearmouth Col-

liery. Sunderland have

received permission to build

a 34,000-capacity stadium to

replace Roker Park, their present ground, but hope to

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increase that to 40,000.

FAUSTINO ASPRILLA, Newcastle United's 56.7 million ham Forest After their home defeat by Colombia forward, has asked for a personal hearing on Manchester United opened up charges of misconduct. the Premiership tide race, the Asprilla was charged by the Football Association two possibility of serious fixture congestion is clearly troubling weeks ago on two counts after Newcastle. "I don't think it's clashes with Keith Curle in right that we should go two Newcastle's game against Manchester City at Maine weeks without a game and then face the prospect of three matches in five or six days," Asprilla's delay in deciding Terry McDermott, the to ask for a hearing means Newcastle assistant manager. said yesterday. "It's scandal-

any lavours.

Delay buys time

for Asprilla

that he will be available for Newcastle for at least the next two games on their FA Carling Premiership run-in and, with Easter looming, probably more. It will be a surprise if the FA succeeds in fixing a date for the hearing before Even if it does, Asprilla is

Road on February 24.

now available for the games against West Ham United. Arsenal, and Liverpool provided that Liverpool are not, involved in an FA Cup semi-linal. It emerged vesterday there could even be a further delay if Asprilla de-

cides to appeal. "We would normally give a club 14 days to appeal." Clare Tomlinson, an FA spokeswoman, said yesterday. In the most extreme case. Asprilla could be available for virtually all the rest of the season before any suspension came into

However, if Newcastle are using the rules to the full to keep Asprilla playing, they may be facing a serious fixture pile-up. If Liverpool beat Lends United in their FA Cup 30 will have to be postponed. while cup commitments could also affect the games against

Old Trafford to host FA Cup semi-final

By Our Sports Staff

Villa Park or Highbury will stage the FA Cup semi-finals this season, the Football Association announced yesterday. David Davies, the FA director of public affairs, said that the game between Liverpool or Leeds United and Notting-ham Forest or Aston Villa would be staged at Old Trafford on Sunday, March

31, with a 4om kick off. Villa Park would be the venue for the other game if Manchester United beat Southampton in their quarterfinal tie, which was being played last night. But if would play at Highbury against the winners of the replay between Wimbledon and Cheisea. That semi-final

will kick-off at 1.30pm on the same day. Last season, the FA an-nounced that semi-finals would not be played at the home grounds of any of the teams left in the last four. Davies, however, said yesterday that the capacities of the grounds had been an important factor in the decisions over venues, as was the fact that both Old Trafford and Villa Park are "key Euro '96

[European championship] grounds". Davies said: "Old Trafford's new stand is likely to boost the capacity at one of the semi-finals to beyond 50,000 and the FA has awarded one tie to the Premier League's biggest ground. Both semi-finals in the FA Cup will be televised live. Any replays would be staged at the same venues on Wednesday.

April 10. The FA will wait for the report of the fourth official.

OLD TRAFFORD and either Peter Jones, before deciding whether any action is to be taken against Mick Harford. the Wimbledon forward, for his verbal attack on Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea manager, during the FA Cup quar-ter-final tie at Stamford

Bridge on Saturday. Harford was angered by a decision by the referee, Graham Poll, to award a free kick for an intentional back pass by Kenny Cunningham. Chel-sea scored from the resulting free kick and, although Wimbledon equalised, Harford allegedly swore at Hoddle and gesticulated towards the Chelsea supporters.

Keith Lacy, the safety of-ficer at Stamford Bridge, said Harford had "completely lost his rag", and used "atrocious' language. The referee did not see the incident, but it was witnessed by Jones, the re-serve official.

Steve Double, an FA spokesman, said: "We are waiting to speak to the rele-vant officials before we decide whether or not we need to take matters further. At this moment, we simply do not have a view on the incident. Before we can take any position we need to know what happened, and what the officials saw and heard."

Italy's Serie A will be susnended on Sunday because of a strike called by the Italian players' association (AIC). The players say their opinions are being disregarded by the au-thorities. They want the abolition of transfer fees for players out of contract to be implemented at the end of the season and a limit to the number of players from outside the European Union that a club can field.



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